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FIRST DAY.—FIRST SESSION.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA,
THURSDAY, May 17th, 1866.

According to the last adjournment of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America, the delegates of the several District Synods assembled at 9 o'clock, A. M., May 17th, 1866, at the church in charge of Rev. W. P. Ruthrauff, in the city of Fort Wayne, Indiana, to constitute the twenty-second convention of said body. The President, Rev. Prof. Samuel Sprecher, D.D., preached the opening sermon, from 1 Thes. v. 19, 20, 21: "Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."

TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION.

Public worship being concluded, the convention was called to order by the President. Prayer was offered by Rev. Prof. S. S. Schmucker, D.D. In the absence of the Secretary, Rev. M. Sheeleigh was called to act as Secretary *pro tempore*. Rev. J. H. Heck was appointed Assistant Secretary.

RECEPTION OF DELEGATES.

The roll of Synods was next called, whereupon the respective delegations proceeded to present their certificates of election, and to take their seats as members of the Synod.

DECISION OF CHAIR CONCERNING PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

When the first eleven Synods had responded, the President decided as follows in reference to the Synod of Pennsylvania: The Chair regards the act of delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod, by which they severed their practical relations with the General Synod, and withdrew from the partnership of the Synods in the governing functions of the General Synod, as the act of the Synod of Pennsylvania, and that consequently that Synod was out of practical union with the General Synod up to the adjournment of the last convention, and as we cannot know officially what the action of that Synod has been since, she must be considered as in that state of practical withdrawal from the governing functions of the General Synod, until the General Synod can receive a report of an act restoring her practical relations to the General Synod; and as no such report can be received until said Synod is organized, the Chair cannot know any paper offered at this stage of the proceedings of the Synod as a certificate of delegation to this body.

When the hour of 12 had arrived, the Synod adjourned until 2 o'clock.

Closed with prayer by Rev. F. W. Conrad, D.D.

FIRST DAY.—SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, MAY 17th, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention re-assembled at the appointed hour. Prayer by Rev. R. Neumann.

The minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

RECEPTION OF DELEGATES CONTINUED.

The calling of Synods and the reception of certificates were resumed.

CONCERNING FRANCKEAN SYNOD.

When the name of the Franckean Synod was read, the President decided that, not having any official knowledge whether the said Synod has complied with the conditions prescribed in the resolutions receiving that Synod, two years ago, into con-

nection with the General Synod, the delegates from the Franckean Synod cannot, for the present, be received.

THE CHAIR SUSTAINED ON APPEAL.

An appeal being made from the decision of the Chair in regard to the Synod of Pennsylvania, that decision was sustained. A division of the house was called for, when the vote resulted in seventy-seven ayes to twenty-four nays.

The Synod was finally constituted as appears in the following

LIST OF DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE.

1. SYNOD OF MARYLAND.

Rev. J. Evans,
" J. G. Butler,
" J. McCron, D.D.,
Mr. T. Newton Kurtz,
Wm. M. Tice, Esq.,
Dr. J. E. Herbst,
Mr. A. S. Pratt.

2. SYNOD OF WEST PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. Prof. J. A. Brown, D.D.,
" " S. S. Schmucker, D.D.,
" A. W. Lilly,
" F. W. Conrad, D.D.,
" E. Breidenbaugh,
D. A. Buehler, Esq.,
Mr. S. Garver,
" H. Saxton,
" E. C. Bender,
" D. M. Myers.

3. HARTWICK SYNOD.

Rev. Prof. L. Sternberg, D D.,
" J. Selmser,
" L. Hippee,
" J. Lefler,
Dr. I. Zeh,
Mr. E. S. Baucus,
" J. Lansing.

4. NEW YORK MINISTERIUM.

Rev. A. Wetzel,
" R. Adelberg,
" G. W. Schmucker,
" R. Neumann,
Mr. A. F. Ockershausen,
" S. Shafer.

5. ALLEGHENY SYNOD (PENNA).

Rev. H. W. Kuhns,
" C. L. Streamer,
" J. Tomlinson,
" C. L. Ehrenfeld,
" S. A. Holman,
Mr. J. M. Gibboney,
" C. Lowe,
" D. K. Ramey,
" J. H. Snyder.

6. SYNOD OF EAST PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. T. Stork, D.D.,
" Prof. C. A. Hay, D.D.,
" E. W. Hutter,
" R. A. Fink,
" E. Greenwald, D.D.,
" J. H. Heck,
Col. W. F. Wagenseller,
Mr. H. S. Boner,
" M. Buehler,
Hon. C. Kugler,
Mr. A. Hummel.

7. MIAMI SYNOD (OHIO).

Rev. W. H. Harrison, D.D.,
" Prof. M. Diehl,
" L. A. Gotwald,
" Prof. J. Swartz,
F. W. Keil, Esq.,
Mr. J. Gebhart,
" B. F. Reinmund,
" D. H. Bloom.

8. EAST OHIO SYNOD.

Rev. Prof. S. Sprecher, D.D.,
" I. J. Delo,
" A. Helwig,
" S. Wagner,
Mr. M. Butler,
" H. Ruthrauff,
" T. Walter,
" W. Plumer.

9. WITTENBERG SYNOD (OHIO).

Rev. M. Officer,
" M. W. Hamma,
" J. W. Goodlin,
" J. Crouse,
Mr. J. Stough,
" N. Failor,
" J. Shawber,
" Hon. S. S. Bloom.

10. SYNOD OF ILLINOIS.

Rev. S. Liese,
" Prof. B. C. Suesserott,
Mr. P. Keller,
" P. Wible,
" J. Cress,
" E. Roessler.

11. OLIVE BRANCH SYNOD (INDIANA).

Rev. J. A. Kunkelman,
" J. Keller,
" A. Thompson,
Mr. J. H. Ohr,
" B. Scholl.

12. SYNOD OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS.

Rev. A. A. Trimper,
" J. L. Guard,
" Prof. S. W. Harkey, D.D.,
" C. B. Thuemmel,
Mr. J. G. Fleck,
" A. Weaver,
" D. Sprecher.

13. PITTSBURG SYNOD.

Rev. W. A. Passavant, D. D.,
" G. Bassler,
" L. M. Kuhns,
" W. Berkemeier,
" R. Hill,
Mr. T. H. Lane,
" H. Gingrich,
" L. Kim,
" W. Weyman,
" J. F. Duff.

14. ENGLISH SYNOD OF OHIO.

Rev. J. Rugan,
" U. J. Knisely,
Dr. P. Kennedy,
Judge P. Williams.

15. SYNOD OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA.

Rev. P. Anstaedt,
" D. Sell,
" D. Kloss,
Mr. J. Rishel,
Dr. W. F. Riber.

16. SYNOD OF NORTHERN INDIANA.

Rev. W. P. Ruthrauff,
" R. F. Delo,
" S. P. Snyder,
" H. Wells,
Mr. H. Rudisill,
" N. B. Freeman,
" D. D. Knisely.

17. SYNOD OF IOWA.

Rev. A. M. Geiger,
" Prof. A. Axline,
" W. T. Strobel,
Mr. J. A. Spielman.

Note.—The Secretary regards it proper here to make a note concerning certain Synods whose names were printed in former lists.

1. The Synod of Pennsylvania was not represented, for reasons which appear in these proceedings.

2. The Synod of Kentucky was dissolved in May, 1865, with the recommendation that its ministers and churches unite with the Olive Branch Synod of Indiana, which is in union with this body.

3. The Synod of Southern Illinois had no delegation present to represent it.

4. The Synod of Texas found it impossible to be represented during the war. The Secretary has received, through Rev. W. T. Strobel, a long fraternal letter from Rev. J. C. Roehm, President of that Synod. This letter is addressed to the General Synod, but came to hand after the adjournment of the late meeting. It professes, on behalf of the Synod of Texas, strong attachment to the General Synod, heartily deplores the unjustifiable event which suspended the relations of the two organizations, expresses sincere regret that straitened circumstances rendered it impracticable to send delegates to Fort Wayne, and indulges the hope that active relations may soon again be enjoyed. *Secretary.*

18. MELANCHTHON SYNOD (MARYLAND).

Rev. H. G. Bowers, Mr. J. Fiery.
" G. A. Nixdorff,

19. SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY.

Rev. M. Sheeleigh, Dr. E. C. Willet.

20. SYNOD OF MINNESOTA.

Rev. C. F. Heyer,
" G. Fachtmann,

21. FRANCKEAN SYNOD (NEW YORK).

Rev. N. Van Alstine, Mr. P. S. Cross,
" M. Kling, " A. Walrath,
" M. W. Empie, " J. Uline.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

The Synod being thus organized, the next order of business was the election of officers. Rev. Dr. J. A. Brown, and Rev. E. Breidenbaugh were appointed tellers.

The following persons were declared elected:

Rev. JAMES A. BROWN, D.D., *President;*
Rev. MATTHIAS SHEELEIGH, *Secretary;*
A. F. OCKERSHAUSEN, Esq., *Treasurer.*

The officers took their seats. The President, at the request of the Secretary, re-appointed Rev. J. H. Heck Assistant Secretary.

The Rules of Order were read by the President. They were accepted for the government of this Convention.

CASE OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

The regular order of business was suspended to consider the reception of the credentials of the Pennsylvania Synod's delegation.

REFERRED TO A SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That the case of the Pennsylvania Synod, presented before the complete organization of this body, be now referred to a special committee of seven, whose duty it shall be to report on the subject at 9 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Committee.—Rev. S. S. Schmucker, D. D., Rev. Prof. J. Swartz, Rev. J. McCron, D.D., Rev. S. W. Harkey, D.D., Mr. D. A. Buehler, Mr. C. Kugler, and Mr. A. S. Pratt.

DELEGATES REQUESTED TO REPORT.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod be now respectfully requested to report to this Synod, by handing in their credentials and a copy of the minutes for each of their last two meetings, and that their documents be referred to the committee appointed to report on their case.

MORNING PRAYER MEETINGS.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That we will to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock, spend one hour in prayer meeting, and commence business at 9 o'clock.

The following visiting brethren were present as visitors, during the sessions of the Synod, and were by a subsequent resolution invited to seats:

List of Clerical Visitors.

Rev. G. F. Stelling,	Rev. A. H. Waters,
" J. B. Baltzly,	" A. J. Cromer,
" R. Smith,	" J. Cromer,
" P. E. Bell,	" T. T. Titus,
" J. F. Shearer,	" Dr. G. Diehl,
" Prof. A. Martin,	" P. Raby,
" J. C. Brodfuehrer,	" G. Eichholtz,
" A. Berg,	" A. H. Myers,
" R. Weiser,	" H. Eggers,
" W. J. Sloan,	" J. E. Wesner,
" F. Klinefelter,	" P. Bergstresser,
" D. Schindler,	" J. Z. Senderling,
" P. Willard.	" H. L. Wiles,
" C. Lepley,	" Prof. Wm. Kopp,
" D. Smith,	" H. Reck.

A motion to adjourn being carried, Rev. J. McCron, D. D., offered prayer.

SECOND DAY.—FIRST SESSION.

FRIDAY, A. M. MAY, 18th, 1866.

At 8 o'clock the members of Synod assembled, and spent one hour in devotional services.

The business session opened at 9 o'clock, Rev. S. W. Harkey, D. D., leading in prayer.

The roll was called and corrected. The minutes of the previous session were read, and, after making a verbal modification, approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CASE OF PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

As the special business of the hour, the Committee to whom was referred the case of the Pennsylvania Synod reported:

Your committee respectfully report, that, in accordance with the public notice given in the church, they assembled at the specified time and place, to take into consideration the case of the Pennsylvania Synod, and any credentials or documents, which the delegates of said Synod might, in accordance with the public invitation given by the President of the General Synod, see fit to present. Your Committee regret to report, that no credentials or other documents were communicated to them, and that their only recourse was to the Minutes of the Synod of Pennsylvania, during the two years since the session of the last General Synod. After mature consideration of the case, your Committee resolved *first*, to present to the Synod a statement of the facts in the case, as apparent from the Minutes of the Pennsylvania Synod referred to, and from earlier Minutes; and, *secondly*, on the basis of these facts to submit several resolutions.

It appears, then, that the Synod of Pennsylvania was one of the original Synods which formed the Constitution of this Body, in 1820, at Hagerstown: That they attended one meeting of the General Synod, in 1821, and in the spring of 1823 withdrew from this Body, and resolved not to have any connection with it again until requested to do so by their congregations: That for thirty years thereafter, they had no connection whatever with this Body: That when, in 1853, they re-entered into connection with it, they proposed only a qualified connection, specifying a contingency, on the occurrence of which, their delegates were instructed, by a standing resolution, to withdraw from the sessions of this Body, and report to their Synod: That the admission of the Franckean Synod, in 1864, was, in the judgment of their delegates, such a case, and they therefore protested against said action, withdrew from the sessions of the General Synod, and reported to their Synod: That their Synod, after full discussion, approved the action of their delegates, by a unanimous vote: That at their meeting in 1864, they resolved, that the consideration of "the future relation of this Synod to the General Synod be

postponed, until the time for the election of delegates to that body shall again recur:" That at the meeting of 1865, they elected delegates to this Body, with the declaration, that *the "Synod desires it to be distinctly understood, that it has not ceased to approve of the protest and withdrawal of its last delegation* at the meeting at York;" and also resolved that "the Synod *now as ever reserves to itself the right asserted in the resolutions adopted at the time of the election of its delegation to the General Synod in* 1853, and which prompted the action of our delegation at the Convention at York," in 1864: That the delegation thus elected made their appearance at this meeting, and tendered their credentials upon the calling of the roll of Synods; but the President having decided, that the status of their Synod being a disputed one, their credentials could not be received or acted on until after the organization of the Synod, and this decision being sustained by a vote of the house, their case was not taken up until after the organization, when they were called on to present their credentials, but declined to do so: That your Committee was then appointed, to whom the matter was referred to report on.

Having thus detailed the facts of the case, your Committee present the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod regard the condition annexed by the Pennsylvania Synod to the appointment of their delegates, as contrary to that equality among the synods composing this Body, provided for by the Constitution of this Synod, and as derogatory to its dignity.

2. *Resolved*, That whatever motives of Christian forbearance may have induced this Synod to receive the Pennsylvania delegates in 1853, with this condition; the unfavorable influences since exerted by it render this Synod no longer willing to submit to such distinctions.

3. *Resolved*, That waving the irregularities in the present case, for the sake of brotherly love and peace, this Synod hereby agree to receive the present delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod, with the understanding that they use their influence at the next meeting of their Synod, to have the obnoxious condition rescinded.

4. *Resolved*, That this body will hereafter not receive any Synod into its connection, upon any other terms or conditions than those prescribed in the Constitution of the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

S. S. SCHMUCKER,
D. A. BUEHLER,
JOHN McCRON,
JOEL SWARTZ,
S. W. HARKEY,
CHARLES KUGLER,
A. S. PRATT.

The Report was accepted, and the several parts were taken up seriatim.

DELEGATES WERE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSION.

Pending the discussion of the Report, the following was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod be allowed to participate in the discussion of the question of their admission, as soon as their credentials are handed to the President, and the question of their due number is determined.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, it was

Resolved, That if the Parent Education Society does not hold its anniversary this evening, the time be appropriated to the public services of the Historical Society.

LIST OF COMMITTEES.

The President announced the following Committees, as provided for in the Rules of Order:

On the State of the Church.—Rev. J. G. Butler, Rev. E. Greenwald, D.D., Rev. E. Breidenbaugh, Rev. Prof. L. Sternberg, D.D., Rev. R. Neumann, Rev. C. L. Ehrenfeld, Rev. L. A. Gotwald, Rev. A. Helwig, Rev. M. W. Hamma, Rev. Prof. B. C. Suesserott, Rev. J. Keller, Rev. C. B. Thuemmel, Rev. L. M. Kuhns, Rev. J. Rugan, Rev. D. Kloss, Rev. H. Wiles, Rev. A. Axline, Rev. H. G. Bowers, Rev. M. Sheeleigh, Rev. C. F. Heyer, Rev. N. Van Alstine.

On Credentials.—Rev. W. A. Passavant, D.D., and Mr. B. F. Reinmund.

On Devotional Services.—Rev. W. H. Harrison, D.D., Rev. E. W. Hutter, and Rev. H. Rudisill.

On Literary and Theological Institutions.—Rev. F. W. Conrad, D.D., Rev. G. W. Schmucker, Rev. H. W. Kuhns, Rev. J. Evans, Rev. A. M. Geiger, J. E. Herbst, M.D., and Col. W. F. Wagenseller.

On Correspondence with other Ecclesiastical Bodies.—Rev. S. Sprecher, D.D., Rev. A. W. Lilly, Rev. G. Bassler, Rev. J. A. Kunkelman, and R. Adelberg.

On Treasurer's Report.—Hon. S. S. Bloom, Rev. S. A. Holman, Rev. E. W. Hutter, Mr. H. S. Boner, and Col. W. F. Wagenseller.

On Mileage.—Rev. J. Crouse, Mr. H. Saxton, Mr. A. F. Ockershausen, Mr. J. Gebhart, and Rev. R. A. Fink.

Resolved, That the Synod now adjourn, to meet this afternoon, immediately after the Parent Education Society shall have disposed of its business.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. J. Rugan.

SECOND DAY.—SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, May 18th, 3 o'clock, P. M.

After the Parent Education Society had held its meeting, the Synod was called to order by the President.

Rev. J. G. Butler offered prayer.

The Minutes of the former session were read and adopted.

MINNESOTA SYNOD'S DELEGATES ARRIVED.

The credentials entitling the delegates of the Synod of Minnesota to seats were presented.

PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD'S CASE RESUMED.

The discussion on the Report relating to the Pennsylvania Synod was resumed.

After making several verbal corrections in the statement of facts introductory to the resolutions, and inserting the words of the retiring President's decision in reference to the Pennsylvania Synod, the first resolution was taken up and amended. During its discussion, a substitute for all the resolutions contained in the report was offered. Pending its consideration, the Synod adjourned.

Closed with prayer by Rev. M. Officer.

THIRD DAY.—FIRST SESSION.

SATURDAY, May 19th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

After spending one hour in the services of a prayer-meeting, the business session was commenced. The President requested Rev. E. Breidenbaugh to lead in prayer.

The roll was called, and a few new names were added. The minutes of the last session were read and adopted.

DISCUSSION ON PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD RESUMED.

The regular order of business in hand when Synod adjourned was again taken up.

A motion was made and carried, to close debate on the subject immediately before the Body.

A vote being taken, the substitute was rejected.

It was next decided by a vote to close debate on the first resolution. The resolution was then adopted.

A motion to adjourn until immediately after Preparatory Service, this afternoon, was carried.

REPORT ON DEVOTIONAL SERVICES.

The following report was yet read:

The Committee on Devotional Exercises respectfully report the following appointments for preaching, viz.:

1. *Preparatory Services.*

Dr. E. Greenwald, Saturday, 3 o'clock, P. M.

2. *English Lutheran Church.*

Dr. J. A. Seiss, Sabbath morning, by request.
Rev. J. Z. Senderling, Sabbath afternoon, Address at Lord's Supper.
Dr. T. Stork, Sabbath evening.

3. *German Lutheran Church, St. John's.*

Rev. S. K. Brobst, Sabbath morning, by request.
" R. Neumann, Sabbath evening, by request.

4. *First Presbyterian Church.*

Rev. E. W. Hutter, Sabbath morning.
Dr. C. P. Krauth, Sabbath evening, by request.

5. *Second Presbyterian Church.*

Dr. F. W. Conrad, Sabbath morning.
Dr. Wm. A. Passavant, Sabbath evening, by request.

6. *Wayne St. Methodist Episcopal Church.*

Rev. L. M. Kuhns, Sabbath morning.
Rev. J. A. Kunkelman, Sabbath evening.

7. *Berry St. Methodist Episcopal Church.*

Dr. J. McCron, Sabbath morning.
Dr. S. W. Harkey, Sabbath evening.

8. *German Reformed Church.*

Rev. Wm. Berkemeier, Sabbath evening.

9. *Baptist Church.*

Rev. J. W. Goodlin, Sabbath morning.
Rev. M. Sheeleigh, Sabbath afternoon.
Rev. J. Evans, Sabbath evening.

We recommend, at the same time, that every morning at 8 o'clock, during the sessions of Synod, there shall be a prayer-meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. H. HARRISON,
E. W. HUTTER.

Prayer by Rev. A. M. Geiger.

THIRD DAY.—SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY, May 19th, 4 o'clock, P. M.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon, subsequent to the service preparatory to the Lord's Supper to be celebrated on to-morrow, the Synod came to order, and united in prayer with Rev. Prof. J. Swartz.

DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTIONS ON PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD.

The discussion on the resolutions reported by the Committee in regard to the Synod of Pennsylvania, was continued until 6 o'clock.

A motion was made and sustained to adjourn until 7½ o'clock this evening.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. A. Passavant, D. D.

THIRD DAY.—THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY, May 19th, 7½ o'clock, evening.

The designated hour having arrived, the President called the house to order.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Prof. L. Sternberg, D.D.

PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD'S CASE RESUMED.

The business concerning the Pennsylvania Synod was resumed.

The roll was called, and a few new names were added. The minutes of the last session were read and adopted.

DISCUSSION ON PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD RESUMED.

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A motion was made and carried, to close debate on the subject immediately before the Body.

A vote being taken, the substitute was rejected.

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Prayer was offered by Rev. Prof. L. Sternberg, D.D.

PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD'S CASE RESUMED.

The business concerning the Pennsylvania Synod was resumed.

The resolutions having been considered to the end, amended and adopted, the Report, thus changed, was adopted as a whole, as follows:

Your Committee respectfully report, that in accordance with the public notice given in the church, they assembled at the specified time and place, to take into consideration the case of the Pennsylvania Synod, and any credentials or documents, which the delegates of said Synod might, in accordance with the public invitation given by the President of the General Synod, see fit to present. Your Committee regret to report, that no credentials or other documents were communicated to them, and their only recourse was to the Minutes of the Synod of Pennsylvania, during the two years since the session of the last General Synod. After mature consideration of the case, your Committee resolved *first*, to present to the Synod a statement of the facts in the case, as apparent from the minutes of the Pennsylvania Synod referred to, and from earlier Minutes; and, *secondly*, on the basis of these facts to submit several resolutions.

It appears, then, that the Synod of Pennsylvania was one of the original Synods which formed the Constitution of this Body, in 1820, at Hagerstown: That they attended one meeting of the General Synod in 1821, and in the spring of 1823 withdrew from this Body, and resolved not to have any connection with it again until requested to do so by their congregations: That for thirty years thereafter they had no connection whatever with this Body: That when, in 1853, they re-entered into connection with it, they proposed only a qualified connection, specifying a contingency, on the occurrence of which, their delegates were instructed, by a standing resolution, to withdraw from the sessions of this Body and report to their Synod: That the admission of the Franckean Synod, in 1864, was, in the judgment of their delegates, such a case, and they therefore protested against said action, withdrew from the sessions of the General Synod, and reported to their Synod: That their Synod, after full discussion, approved the action of their delegates by a unanimous vote: That at their meeting, in 1864, they resolved "that the consideration of the future relation of this Synod to the General Synod be postponed, until the time for the election of delegates to that body shall again recur:" That at the meeting of 1865, they elected delegates to this Body, with the declaration, that *the "Synod desires it to be distinctly understood, that it has not ceased to approve of the protest and withdrawal* of its last delegation at the meeting at York;" and also resolved that the Synod *now as ever reserves to itself the right asserted in the resolutions adopted at the time of the election of its delegation to the General Synod, in* 1853, and which prompted the action of our delegation at the Convention at York," in 1864: That the delegation thus elected made their appearance at this meeting, and tendered their credentials during and after calling the roll of Synods, before the election of officers and organization of the Synod, when the President gave this decision: "The Chair regards the act of delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod, by which they severed their practical relations with the General Synod, and withdrew from the partnership of the Synods, in the governing functions of the General Synod, as the act of the Synod of Pennsylvania, and that consequently that Synod

was out of practical union with the General Synod up to the adjournment of the last convention, and as we cannot know officially what the action of that Synod has been since, she must be considered as in that state of practical withdrawal from the governing functions of the General Synod, until the General Synod can receive a report of an act restoring her practical relations to the General Synod; and as no such report can be received until said Synod is organized, the Chair cannot know any paper offered at this stage of the proceedings of the Synod as a certificate of delegation to this body;" and this decision being sustained by a vote of the house, their case was not taken up until after the organization, when they were called on to present their credentials, but declined to do so: That your Committee was then appointed, to whom the matter was referred to report on.

Having thus detailed the facts, your Committee present the following resolutions:

[Here follow the resolutions adopted, and as in part only those of the committee.]

1. *Resolved*, That this Synod regard the condition annexed by the Pennsylvania Synod to the appointment of the delegates, as contrary to that equality among the Synods composing this Body, provided for by the Constitution of this Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That whatever motives of Christian forbearance may have induced this Synod to receive the Pennsylvania delegates in 1853, with this condition, the unfavorable influences since exerted by it render it very desirable that said condition be rescinded by the Synod of Pennsylvania.

3. *Resolved*, That the General Synod hereby expresses its entire willingness to receive the delegates of the Synod of Pennsylvania.

After thus disposing of the foregoing, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the delegates from the Pennsylvania Synod be requested to waive what may seem to them an irregular organization of this Body, and to acquiesce in the present organization.

It was, furthermore,

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to present, in writing, to the delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod the action just passed in reference to that body.

FRANCKEAN SYNOD'S DELEGATION RECEIVED.

In relation to the Franckean Synod, it was then

Resolved, That, inasmuch as the Franckean Synod has complied with the condition of admission laid down by the last General Synod, its delegation be received.

In response to a suggestion made by a member, in view of the favorable disposal of the subject before the Synod during the last three days, the whole body rose and engaged in heartily singing the doxology,—

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;"

and then united in prayer with Rev. C. F. Heyer, the oldest member of the Synod.

It was then determined to adjourn until 9 o'clock on Monday morning.

Prayer by Rev. Prof. M. Diehl.

FOURTH DAY.

MONDAY, 9 o'clock, A. M., May 21, 1866.

The President was in the chair. Opened with prayer by Rev. E. W. Hutter,

The Treasurer read his Report. It was referred to the Committee on the Treasurer's Account.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. F. OCKERSHAUSEN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH GENERAL SYNOD.

1864.		Dr.
May 6,	Cash balance on hand	$1,819 70
" 10,	P. S. Michler, late Treasurer, per I. Sulger	464 76
July 20,	Board of Publication, per L. L. Houpt	482 64
1865.		
April 6,	St. John's Church, Ancram, N. Y.	3 00
May 10,	Congregation at Lionville, Pa	13 00
June 6,	Board of Publication, per L. L. Houpt	340 42
Aug. 16,	" " " "	102 02
" 18,	Rev. N. Van Alstine, for Franckean Synod	36 00
Sept. 8,	Rev. Levi Schell	7 00
Oct. 13,	St. John's Church, Lancaster, Pa	10 00
1866.		
April 10,	Board of Publication, per L. L. Houpt	120 81
" 13,	First Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, Pa	36 30
" 18,	Berlin Charge, Berlin, Pa	25 00
" 20,	Congregation of Middletown, Md.	10 00
" 23,	Lutheran Church, Brunswick, N. Y.	8 50
" 25,	New Chester Charge, Adams Co., Pa.	14 00
" 26,	Zion Church, West Sandlake, N. Y.	7 00
" 28,	First Lutheran Church, Crestline, O.	3 75
" "	Woodbury Congregation, Monroe Co., O.	2 00

April 28,	Salem Congregation, Richland Co., O	4 71	
May 2,	First English Lutheran Church, Lancaster, O	17 00	
" "	T. Newton Kurtz, Premium on Hymn Books, &c.	227 00	
" 7,	Yellow Creek, Ill.	1 00	
" "	Christ Church, Easton, Pa	36 27	
" 10,	Lutheran Church, Bearytown, N. Y	6 00	
" 11,	St. John's Church, Ancram, N. Y	5 00	
" "	St. James' Church, New York city	39 00	
" 17,	Canton Congregation, O	19 40	
" "	Franckean Synod, N. Y	35 55	
" "	St. John's Church, Livingston, N. Y	8 00	
" "	A. H. Shearer	1 00	
" "	Milton Congregation, Pa	6 00	
" "	Ebenezer Church, Albany, N. Y	19 00	
" "	Altoona Congregation, Pa	15 00	
" "	St. Luke's, Germantown, Pa	5 00	
" "	Indiana Congregation, Pa	5 00	
" "	German Valley, N. J	6 05	
" "	Smicksburg Charge, Pa	20 10	
" "	Melanchthon Synod, Md	22 22	
" "	St. Paul's Church, Washington, D. C	30 00	
" "	First Lutheran Church, Carlisle, Pa	50 00	
" "	Green Village Congregation, Pa	8 25	
" "	Fredenburg Charge, Pa	12 00	
" 18,	From Isaac Sulger, balance from late Treasurer, $89 90, less $27 00, for Printing	62 90	
" "	Springfield Congregation, O	10 00	
" "	Albion Congregation, Iowa	8 15	
" "	Gallupville and Bernville Congregations, N. Y	12 00	
" "	Johnstown Congregation, N. Y	10 00	
" "	Camden Charge, Ind	5 65	
" "	Congregation of Mansfield, O	4 00	
" "	Pine Grove Mills Charge, Pa	10 00	
" "	Central Hall Charge, Pa	2 50	
" "	Dayton Charge, O	30 00	
" "	White Deer Charge, O	12 60	
" 19,	North Manchester Charge, Ind	3 50	
" "	Spruce Run Charge, N. J	5 00	
" "	Stewartsville Church, N. J	4 00	
" "	St. James' Congregation, Gettysburg, Pa	10 50	
" "	First Lutheran Church, Bellefontaine, O	10 00	
" "	First English Lutheran Church, Cincinnati, O	15 00	
			$3,819 75

1864.		Cr.
May 12,	Cash paid Mileage Committee	$2,443 45
" 17,	J. K. Plitt, for Mileage	4 05
" "	W. S. Young, per S. S. Schmucker, printing Liturgy	101 87

June,	S. L. Endress, for Mileage	18 00	
July 28,	M. L. Stoever, printing Minutes, Postage, &c	346 00	
	Interest, &c	50 00	
	Balance on hand	856 38	
			$3,819 75

MINUTES AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RECEIVED.

The Synods were ordered to be called, for the purpose of receiving from the several delegations the Minutes of Synods, and other documents.

COMMITTEE ON GENERAL SYNOD'S MINUTES.

The President appointed the Committee on the Minutes of the last General Synod.

Committee.—Dr. C. A. Hay, Rev. J. A. Kunkelman, and Mr. E. C. Bender.

HYMN BOOK COMMITTEE REPORTED.

Hon. C. Kugler, read the Report of the Hymn Book Committee. This Report was accepted and referred to the Committee having in hand the Treasurer's Report; and it was ordered that this Committee be enlarged by the addition of two members. The following were added: Rev. E. W. Hutter, and W. M. Tice, Esq.

VISITING BRETHREN INVITED TO SEATS.

On motion it was

Resolved, That all visiting brethren present, from our own and sister denominations, be invited to seats in this body, and that they be requested to hand in their names to the Secretary, to be entered upon the Minutes of the Synod.

[List presented at the end of the first day's proceedings.]

RESOLUTIONS ON THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

The following Resolutions on the state of the country were offered, and unanimously adopted, by a rising vote:

Whereas, The last two sessions of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the United States, convened, respectively, in the years 1862 and 1864, at Lancaster and York, in the State of Pennsylvania, were both held during the prevalence of a calamitous civil war; and,

Whereas, At both of said sessions the General Synod, be-

sides carefully enunciating its views in reference to the origin of said war, and the great issues at stake, also offered fervent prayers to Almighty God for the speedy return of a peace, based on the principles of his own truth and righteousness; be it, therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we do hereby, as a General Synod, greatly rejoice, that our present sessions are being held under circumstances, and amidst surroundings, which are in so grateful and happy contrast with those which at our two former sessions filled our hearts with so much anxiety and grief.

2. *Resolved*, That, not abating a jot or tittle of the declaration of principles then solemnly put forth, we do now join in ascriptions of praise, and power, and glory unto Him who is the Author of all our mercies, and the source of all our blessings, that He has caused the desolations of war to cease in our land, and that peace once more sheds its benign influence over every part of our national domain.

3. *Resolved*, That in these our thanksgivings we include, as among the most obvious occasions of them, the final victory which He was graciously pleased to vouchsafe to our gallant army and navy; the preservation of our government, and its associated institutions from meditated forcible overthrow, and the removal from amongst us of the curse of slavery, in whose interest, and for whose extension, the war was inaugurated and prosecuted.

4. *Resolved*, That the widows and orphans which the rebellion has made are the legacy of the nation, and that it behooves the Church to unite with the States, and the General Government, in extending to them all possible sympathy, succor and support.

5. *Resolved*, That to the millions of bondmen, who by the vicissitudes of war have been so suddenly and strangely translated into a state of freedom, the country owes its most beneficent and paternal guardianship, that they suffer no detriment from neglect or abuse, but be strengthened, comforted and assisted, in which great duty the Church of Christ cannot and must not be found tardy or delinquent.

6. *Resolved*, That we share in the enlightened and spontaneous sentiment of the people of this land, in expressions of

profoundest sorrow, because of the violent death of President Abraham Lincoln, whose memory as a Patriot, a Statesman, and the highest type of a Philanthropist, we cherish and revere, and whose services to our nation, and to the cause of the suffering and oppressed, we shall ever hold in grateful and affectionate remembrance.

Immediately on the adoption of the above, the Synod united in singing the first and last stanzas of

"My country, 'tis of thee."

FORMER SECRETARY.

A letter from the former Secretary was read, when it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to Prof. M. L. Stoever, for the fidelity and ability with which he had so long discharged his duties as the Secretary of this Synod.

PAPER REGARDING A MEMORIAL CHURCH.

Rev. J. G. Butler presented a paper in regard to a Memorial Church, contemplated to be erected in the city of Washington. A committee was appointed to report thereon.

Committee.—Rev. Prof. J. Swartz, Rev. T. Stork, D.D., and T. Newton Kurtz, Esq.

COMMITTEE ON RAILROAD FARES.

A committee was appointed to report on the arrangements effected with railroad companies, in regard to returning persons who are in attendance upon the Synod.

Committee.—H. Rudisill, J. Gebhart, Rev. J. H. Heck, and Rev. E. W. Hutter.

COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

On motion, the following was adopted:

Whereas, It is provided, in a standing resolution, "that no delegate who shall leave Synod previous to final adjournment, without being excused by this body, shall be paid his mileage;" therefore,

Resolved, That a committee on leave of absence be appointed, to whom all applications on that subject shall be made.

Committee.—Rev. Dr. C. A. Hay, Rev. G. Bassler, Rev. J. Evans.

COMMITTEE ON DEATH OF DR. B. KURTZ.

A motion being made, it was

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to present a memorial in regard to the death of the venerable Rev. B. Kurtz, D. D., LL. D.

The committee was constituted of the following persons: Rev. Dr. S. S. Schmucker, Rev. Dr. J. McCron, and Rev. C. F. Heyer.

REQUEST TO FRANCKEAN SYNOD'S DELEGATION.

It was on motion

Resolved, That the General Synod hereby requests the delegates of the Franckean Synod of New York to make a written statement to this body, of the precise relations which the Western Conference of the Franckean Synod sustains to that Synod.

Dr. S. S. Schmucker, Chairman of the Liturgical Committee, read a Report.

REPORT OF THE LITURGIC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL SYNOD, MAY 18TH, 1866.

At the present stage of the action of the General Synod, in regard to the proposed Liturgy, your Committee find it unnecessary to add much to the statements made in the last Report. We there mention that the General Committee, on the day of their appointment at Lancaster city, had marked out the line of action for the sub-committee which they elected, in the following resolutions:

"1. *Resolved*, That the General Synod's Liturgy shall be the basis on which the new Liturgy is to be constructed; the other Liturgies employed in different portions of our Church, to be consulted and used as far as may be deemed proper.

"2. *Resolved*, That the new Liturgy shall have but one form for each occasion.

"3. *Resolved*, That on all subjects on which difference of doctrinal sentiment exists, Scripture language, suited to either or both views, is to be employed without comment."

The General Committee thus instructed its agents, not to ignore the former labors of the General Synod, but, to build upon the existing Liturgy of this body as the basis of the new work. As the one now in use was translated from the former Liturgy of the Pennsylvania Synod, and that had been chiefly copied and enlarged from that which was prepared by the patriarchs of our Church in America; it follows, as the sub-committee faithfully observed their instructions, that the work is a legitimate development from that of the fathers of our Church in this country, preserving the historical connection of our Church, as well as its ecclesiastical principles and usages. Yet, as several District Synods, and even individuals in our Church, had also published the fruits of their liturgic labors, these also were added to the materials from which our selection was made. From this mass, your Com-

mittee selected the best of each, and thus furnished one form for those *Actus Ministeriales* which are of more rare occurrence; and several for the constantly recurring exercises of public worship. In these selections the Committee made only such alterations and verbal amendments as were necessary to the unity and homogeneity of the whole. While, therefore, we claim no credit of authorship, we believe the plan of the General Committee to be judicious, and the new Liturgy to be far better than any one of those from which it was selected.

To facilitate the further improvement of this work, the General Synod "referred the work to the District Synods and Churches, for examination, &c.; that a Committee of five be appointed, to whom the action of the several Synods shall be *submitted*, which Committee shall adjust, and as far as possible endeavor to harmonize said action, and report the same to the General Synod, and that this Committee also be authorized to make any amendments which their judgment may approve." We regret to say, that not in a single instance did any such proposed alterations, either verbal or real, reach your Committee. We know also that some of the Synodical Committees gave the work but little attention, especially in regions where a liturgy is rarely used. Of one thing your Committee feel convinced, that unless we build upon the labors of our predecessors, unless we hold fast to this selection, making whatever further amendments may be deemed necessary, many years will elapse before the Church will be at rest on this subject, or have a good Liturgy. The majority of our Synods are decidedly opposed to any increase of liturgic forms, beyond what are contained in this selection; and as this consists of a careful selection of the most approved forms in all the Liturgies in use among us, we do not suppose that any individual could compose an original one better than these, or that half as many churches or Synods would be willing to receive it.

With these remarks, your Committee submit the following resolutions, to indicate the course of action which the Synod might pursue:

1. *Resolved*, That the General Synod first hear the reports of the delegates of the different Synods, if they have any to make.

2. *Resolved*, That the Synod hear the Liturgy read, at least so far as the exercises of public worship on the Lord's day are concerned.

3. *Resolved*, That the Synod now give the Committee suggestions for the further improvement of the Liturgy, if deemed necessary.

4. That with these instructions the Committee be requested to make such further improvements in the work as they may deem proper; and when in their judgment it is finished, they shall report the fact to the Hymn Book Committee, who shall make a contract for having it handsomely and correctly printed, the Liturgic Committee having the charge of the proof-sheets and the correction of the press.

5. That the sale of the book shall be contracted for with the Publication Board.

6. The book thus published, to be styled the Provisional Liturgy, and the ministers be authorized to introduce it for trial in their churches.

S. S. SCHMUCKER,
SAM'L SPRECHER,
T. STORK.

After the reading, the paper was accepted for further action.

PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD'S DELEGATION TO BE HEARD.

Resolved, That the delegation of the Pennsylvania Synod be heard to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Adjourned until the hour just named, in order to give place to the Foreign Missionary Society for the remainder of the day.

Prayer by Rev. R. Neumann.

FIFTH DAY.

TUESDAY, A. M., May 22d, 1866.

After the usual hour of prayer, the Synod was opened for business.

Prayer was offered by Rev. A. W. Lilly.

The roll was called. The minutes were read and adopted.

RESPONSE OF PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD'S DELEGATION READ.

A communication from the delegates of the Synod of Pennsylvania was read by Rev. G. F. Krotel, D. D., one of their number.

When the reading was concluded, it was

Resolved, That this paper be received.

FINAL PROPOSITIONS OF THE RESPONSE.

[A subsequent Resolution of the Synod directs that the "final propositions" contained in this Response, be published in the Minutes. They are therefore presented at this point, as the proper place.]

The Response was closed with the only terms on which its authors were willing to co-operate in the General Synod, viz.:

"Provided:

"That this Body shall now declare that the Synod of Pennsylvania had, as it claimed to have, the constitutional right to be represented before the election of officers, and to take part in it, and might now justly claim the right of casting its vote.

"If the Convention shall so declare, we are perfectly willing to waive the right of voting, will acquiesce in the present or-

ganization, and will take our seats in this Body, equals among equals.

Respectfully submitted."

(Signed,) JOSEPH. A. SEISS, Ch'n of Del'n.
CHARLES P. KRAUTH,
G. F. KROTEL,
C. W. SCHAEFFER,
S. K. BROBST,
SAMUEL LAIRD,
LOUIS L. HOUPT,
HENRY LEHMAN,
C. F. NORTON,
CHARLES A. HEINITSH.

FURTHER ACTION IN PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD'S CASE PROPOSED.

Resolutions were offered for further action relative to the case of the Pennsylvania Synod. Before concluding the subject, the morning hour expired. The afternoon being set apart for various Societies, Synod adjourned till to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer by Rev. Dr. E. Greenwald.

SIXTH DAY.—FIRST SESSION.

The Minutes of the former session were read and adopted.

Prayer by Rev. R. Helwig.

FINAL ACTION REGARDING SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA.

It was determined to suspend the regular order, and take up the unfinished business of yesterday, being the Resolutions in regard to the Synod of Pennsylvania.

The following Resolution was offered as a substitute for the first of the series:

Ultimate Resolution.

Resolved, That after hearing the response of the delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod, we cannot conscientiously recede from the action adopted by this body, believing, after full and careful deliberation, said action to have been regular and constitutional; but that we re-affirm our readiness to receive the delegates of said Synod, as soon as they present their credentials in due form.

Debate on the resolution was closed.

Yeas and Nays.

The Yeas and Nays being called, the result was the adoption of the resolution, as follows: Yeas, seventy-seven; Nays, thirty-two; not voting, seven.

Yeas.—Evans, Butler, Brown, S. S. Schmucker, Lilly, Breidenbaugh, Sternberg, Selmser, Lefler, Streamer, Tomlinson, Ehrenfeld, Holman, Hay, Heck, Harrison, Diehl, Swartz, Sprecher, I. J. Delo, Helwig, Wagner, Officer, Hamma, Goodlin, Crouse, Suesserott, Keller, Guard, Thuemmel, Anstaedt, Sell, Kloss, Snyder, Wells, Geiger, Bowers, Nixdorff, Sheeleigh, Van Alstine, Kling, Empie, Kurtz, Herbst, Pratt, D. A. Buehler, Garver, Bender, Myers, Zeh, Baucus, Lansing, Gibboney, Lowe, Ramey, Snyder, Wagenseller, Boner, Kugler, Hummel, Keil, Reinmund, H. Ruthrauff, Walter, Plumer, Stough, Failor, Shawber, Wible, Rishel, Riber, D. D. Knisely, Fiery, Willet, Cross, Walrath, Uline.—77.

Nays.—Hippee, Wetzel, Adelberg, G. W. Schmucker, Neumann, H. W. Kuhns, Hutter, Greenwald, Gotwald, Liese, Kunkelman, Thompson, Harkey, Passavant, Bassler, Berkemeier, Hill, Rugan, Knisely, W. P. Ruthrauff, Axline, Strobel, Fachtmann, Saxton, Ockershausen, Shafer, Roessler, Lane, Kim, Rudisill, Freeman, Spielman.—32.

Non liquet.—Conrad, Stork, L. M. Kuhns, M. Buehler, Fleck, Trimper, R. F. Delo.—7.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER MADE AND TABLED.

It was moved to reconsider the vote, and the motion was laid on the table.

Rev. Dr. J. A. Seiss, having asked permission, made a statement on behalf of the delegation of the Synod of Pennsylvania, of which he was Chairman. He was requested to present the same in writing, to be entered on the record of the General Synod.

The President of the General Synod made a reply, [which he also, according to request, reduced to writing, to accompany the statement.]

STATEMENT OF DR. SEISS.

The delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod state to this Convention that in retiring, as they now do, they distinctly declare that this their act in no sense or degree affects the relations of the Pennsylvania Synod to the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States.

(Signed,) JOS. A. SEISS, Chair'n of Del'n.
CHAS. P. KRAUTH,
G. F. KROTEL,
C. W. SCHAEFFER,
S. K. BROBST,
SAMUEL LAIRD,
L. L. HOUPT,
HENRY LEHMAN,
C. F. NORTON.

REPLY OF THE PRESIDENT.

This Body has not decided at any time that the Pennsylvania Synod was out of the General Synod. But having by its delegation openly withdrawn from the sessions of the General Synod, at York, Pa., the former President ruled that the practical relation of the Synod of Pennsylvania to the General Synod was such, that no report could be heard from that Synod until the General Synod was organized. This ruling of the President was sustained by a very large majority, after an appeal had been taken. Immediately after its organization, the General Synod invited the delegates of the Synod of Pennsylvania to present their credentials and report; and has evinced its readiness at every stage to grant to the Synod of Pennsylvania every lawful privilege and every right. The General Synod hereby extend to the delegation from the Synod of Pennsylvania the assurance of its kindest regard.

OTHER RESOLUTIONS LAID ON TABLE.

The remaining resolutions of the series offered were laid on the table.

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns this morning, it adjourn to meet immediately after the meeting of the Publication Society, this afternoon.

BURNING OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH, NEW YORK.

On motion,

Resolved, That the General Synod having heard, with sincere and heartfelt sorrow, the destruction by fire, on Tuesday morning last, of the new and beautiful Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. James, in the city of New York, we hereby express to the congregation and its beloved pastor, Rev. A. C. Wedekind, our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of trial, and commend them in prayer to the sustaining grace of God.

DEATH OF REV. S. SAYFORD.

Resolved, That in the death of Rev. S. Sayford, who had been elected a delegate to this Convention, by the Olive Branch Synod, the church has lost one of its humblest and most pious ministers; that, bowing to the providence of God, we will be admonished to ever watch and pray; that we invoke the blessing of God upon the afflicted family; and hereby request the Secretary of this body to forward a copy of this resolution to Mrs. Sayford.

Adopted by a rising vote.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Hymn Book Committee reported.

REPORT ON HYMN BOOK COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Hymn Book Committee, and accompanying papers, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and find that there was due the Treasurer, January 1st, 1865, the sum of $453.89, of which amount he received $340.42; leaving a balance of $113.47. It appears that this discrepancy arose in this way: the $113.47 was withheld under the impression that the Hymn Book Committee of the General Synod would allow that amount under the resolution of the General Synod at York, (see page 47,) because that the then "condition of the country had materially affected the prices of publication."

It appears, however, that such an arrangement was never formally acted upon; and hence that amount is yet due from the Publication Society to the Treasurer of the General Synod.

There was also due since January 1st, 1866, upon account rendered at that date, the further sum of $1163.37, making the sum total due $1276.84.

The Publication Society, as appears from vouchers furnished, had expended the sum of $5110.00, to carry into effect the publication of the 24mo edition of the Hymn Book, recommended to be published by the Committee of the General Synod at the meeting in York, Pa., in May, 1864.

That, under the contract, the Publication Society were to receive five per cent. on sales; that they received during the first twenty months, under that

contract, only $176.62—less than the interest of the money invested—to say nothing of expenses.

Hence the Hymn Book Committee, in justice to the Publication Society, have recommended the allowance of an additional five per cent. on all sales made under the contract.

Your Committee would so far concur in the recommendation as to allow the additional five per cent. on all sales made since the last account was rendered, January 1st, 1866. This is the more justifiable, because under this new contract the General Synod will realize much more revenue than under any former contract.

The committee further recommend the re-adoption of the action of the General Synod as follows: "That the control and management of the publication of the Catechism, Hymn Book, Liturgy, and other books of the General Synod, and the power to contract for the publication of several editions of the same, shall be intrusted to the Hymn Book Committee."

S. S. BLOOM,
C. A. HOLMAN,
HENRY S. BONER,
E. W. HUTTER.
W. F. WAGENSELLER.

The report was accepted.

After some discussion, the subject was deferred until after the meeting of the Publication Society, this afternoon.

REPORT ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mr. H. S. Boner reported for the Committee on the Treasurer's Report.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of A. F. Ockershausen, Treasurer, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and found it correct. Balance in hands of the Treasurer at this date, is eight hundred and fifty-six dollars and thirty-eight cents.

S. S. BLOOM,
S. A. HOLMAN,
HENRY S. BONER.

The Report was adopted.

The Trustees of the Pastors' Fund rendered their Report.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES ON PASTORS' FUND.

The Trustees of the Pastors' Fund beg leave to report, that during the last two years several meetings have been held, at which the applications for relief were duly considered, and aid extended to the following persons, viz:

Mrs. V. G.	$50.00
" L. G.	100.00
" C. H.	100.00
" C. J.	100.00
" C. T.	100.00
Rev. B.,	100.00
	$550.00

Since the last meeting of the General Synod, the following Synods only have contributed to the Fund:

English Synod of Ohio,	$13.75
Synod of Illinois,	27.00
Synod of Northern Illinois,	44.50
Wittenberg Synod of Ohio,	57.75
	$143.00

Your attention is called to the fact, that since the last meeting of the General Synod, the appropriations have exceeded the income, and that the fund in the hands of the Treasurer has been reduced $99.55 since the last report.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. KURTZ,
Secretary.

Philadelphia, May 16th, 1866.

The report was received.

Resolved, That the Trustees of the Pastor's Fund be directed to collect the amount of the Bond given by —— ——, in favor of said Fund, as soon as they can.

The Treasurer of the Pastor's Fund next reported.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE PASTORS' FUND.

Lewis L. Houpt, Treasurer, in Account with the Pastors' Fund of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Dr. To balance on hand, last Report,					$198.72
" Cash received from Synods.	English Synod of Ohio,	1864,	$13.75		
	Synod of Illinois,	"	14.00		
	Synod of Northern Illinois,	"	44.50		
	Wittenberg Synod of Ohio,	"	35.75		143.00
	Synod of Illinois,	1865,	13.00		
	Wittenberg Synod of Ohio,	"	22.00		
" Cash received from "A Friend," at Pittsburg,					25.00
" " " 2 years' Interest on $700 U. States Loan, (Interest in gold $84,)					134.65
" " " Dr. Gilbert, 2 yrs. Interest on $1200, to Apr. 1st,					144.00
" " " Interest on Money deposited,					5.85
			Amount,		$651.22

Cr. By Cash Paid,			
Mrs. V. G.,	$ 50.00		
" L. G.,	100.00		
" C. J.,	100.00		
" C. H.,	100.00		
" C. T.,	100.00		
Rev. B.,	100.00		
		$550.00	
Exp. Charges on $57.75 (Wittenberg Syn'd,)		2.05	
			$552.05
Balance on hand,			99.17

LEWIS L. HOUPT,
Treasurer.

ASSETS OF THE PASTORS' FUND

OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., May 17, 1866.

Amount of Cash on hand,	$	99.17
" invested in U. S. Bonds, with interest at 6 per cent., payable in gold,		700.00
" in hands of Dr. D. Gilbert, secured by Bond and Mortgage in Phil'a.,		1200.00
Whole Amount,		$1999.17

LEWIS L. HOUPT,
Treasurer.

The Report was accepted, and referred to the following *Committee.*—F. W. Keil, Esq., and Hon. C. Kugler.

DELEGATES TO OTHER ECCLESIASTICAL BODIES.

Delegates were now appointed to represent this Synod in the higher ecclesiastical organizations of other denominations.

To the German Reformed General Synod: Rev. W. A. Passavant, D. D.; alternate, Rev. A. C. Wedekind.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (N. S.:) Rev. J. G. Butler; alternate, Rev. J. A. Kunkelman.

To the Moravian Synod: Rev. A. H. Lochman, D. D.; alternate, S. W. Harkey, D. D.

To the Evangelical Church Union of the West: Rev. F. Herold; alternate, Rev. S. Liese.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The following persons were announced as constituting the Committee on Foreign Correspondence: Rev. Prof. S. S. Schmucker, D. D., Rev. Prof. S. Sprecher, D. D., Rev. Prof. C. A. Hay, D. D., Rev. E. W. Hutter, and Rev. Prof. S. W. Harkey, D. D.

Rev. J. Crouse reported on behalf of the Committee on Mileage. The report was re-committed until after the report on the Hymn Book Committee's report shall have been received.

Mr. C. Kugler read the following:

REPORT ON ACCOUNT OF TREASURER OF PASTORS' FUND.

The Committee appointed to examine the Account of the Treasurer of the Pastors' Fund, respectfully report, that they have attended to that duty, compared it with the vouchers, and find it to be correct, as stated.

CHARLES KUGLER,
F. W. KEIL.

Adopted.

The Synod adjourned.
United in prayer with Rev. R. Adelberg.

SIXTH DAY.—SECOND SESSION

WEDNESDAY, 4½ o'clock, P. M., May 23d.

Immediately after the Publication Society had adjourned, the Synod resumed its business.

Prayer by Rev. H. Eggers.

DR. SEISS' STATEMENT AND PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO APPEAR TOGETHER.

Resolved, That the statement of Dr. Seiss now handed in, and the President's reply, be inserted in the appropriate place.

TRUSTEES OF PASTORS' FUND.

William M. Heyl and Fred'k V. Beisel, Esqs., were appointed Trustees of the Pastors' Fund Society. The Board, therefore, now consists of the following named persons, viz:

Rev.	G. F. Krotel, D. D.,	time expires in	1868
"	E. W. Hutter,	" "	1868
"	L. E. Albert,	" "	1870
Mr.	W. W. Kurtz,	" "	1870
"	W. M. Heyl,	" "	1872
"	F. V. Beisel,	" "	1872

RESUMED THE REPORT ON HYMN BOOK COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The consideration of the report on the Hymn Book Committee's report was resumed.

Request to Publication Society.

Resolved, That the Publication Society be requested to pay into the Treasury of the General Synod, the amount due from sales of Hymn Book, up to January 1st, 1866—$1267.84.

The paragraph next to the last in order was not adopted.

[See report in morning's proceedings.]

The report, thus amended, was adopted.

The Mileage Committee again presented their Report.

REPORT OF MILEAGE COMMITTEE.

The Mileage Committee report, that in order to pay the mileage of the members, it would require about three thousand dollars, and should the delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod be also paid, three hundred and fifty dollars additional; making a total of three thousand, three hundred and fifty dollars. As the Treasurer of the Synod has only one thousand dollars in hand, they recommend the payment of thirty per cent. of the claims for mileage.

The report was accepted, and the following resolution was offered and adopted as a substitute for the recommendation of the report.

TREASURER TO BORROW MONEY.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to borrow a sufficient amount of money to enable him to pay the delegates their mileage in full.

MILEAGE ALLOWED TO PENNSYLVANIA SYNOD'S DELEGATES.

Resolved, That the mileage of the brethren claiming to be delegates from the Pennsylvania Synod be allowed.

COLLECTIONS FOR THE TREASURY.

Resolved, That the congregations which have taken up collections for the expenses of the General Synod, be requested to forward the same immediately to the Treasurer, and that those congregations which have not yet taken up collections, be requested to do so at once; also that the Secretary be instructed to give notice of this request in all the church papers.

Resolved, That the same request be repeated which was made to all the congregations two years ago, that about the 1st of April of each year, they take up collections for the Treasury of this Synod, and that the Secretary give notice of the same each year, in the church papers.

Adjourned until 8 o'clock this evening.

Prayer by Rev. G. Bassler.

SIXTH DAY.—THIRD SESSION.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 8 o'clock, May 23d.

The Synod was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. Lefler.

WESTERN CONFERENCE OF FRANCKEAN SYNOD.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Synod, the existence of an organized branch of the Franckean Synod, at so great a distance, and within the bounds of another Synod, as in the case of their Western Conference, is not in accordance with ecclesiastical order, and that we strongly advise the Franckean Synod to dissolve that distant organization, and direct the ministers now composing it, to apply for admission to those Synods within whose bounds they may reside.

During the discussion of the foregoing, the following statement was rendered in accordance with the request of the Synod, made on Monday:

STATEMENT OF THE FRANCKEAN SYNOD'S DELEGATION.

The delegation of the Franckean Synod, would make the following statement, in reply to the resolution of inquiry of the General Synod.

1. The Franckean Evangelical Lutheran Synod, has been in existence twenty-nine years. The Constitution authorizes a division of the Synod into Conferences, investing them with certain well-defined rights, for the exercise of which they are responsible to Synod.

2. Each Conference is required to report to Synod, at the time of the annual meeting, all its business transactions, in order to be reviewed for approval or rejection.

3. The Western Conference was first organized eighteen or nineteen years ago, growing out of the necessity of previous missionary operations in the field; and the present members of the Conference are the following brethren: Bros. R. Smith, C. Sans, J. P. Hiester, E. Fair, S. Spyker, and A. S. Timerman.

4. It requires a majority of the members to form a quorum to transact business.

Delegation,
N. VAN ALSTINE,
M. W. EMPIE,
M. KLING,
P. S. CROSS,
JOSEPH ULINE,
ABRAHAM WALRATH.

This paper was ordered to be entered on the record.

COMMITTEE ON DEATH OF REV. B. KELLER.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That Rev. Mr. Hutter be appointed to prepare a minute with reference to the death of our revered father in Christ, the Rev. B. Keller.

GENERAL SYNOD'S REPRESENTATIVES IN THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION ELECTED.

The following persons were elected to represent the General Synod in the Board of Publication: Rev. E. W. Hutter and Rev. J. H. Heck.

Rev. Dr. S. Sprecher read the report of the Committee no Ecclesiastical Correspondence.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ECCLESIASTICAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee find recorded in the minutes of the last Convention, the appointment of the following delegates to other Ecclesiastical bodies:

To the German Reformed General Synod: principal, Rev. D. Steck; alternate, Rev. Prof. Diehl.

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church: principal, Rev. Dr. Sprecher; alternate, Rev. D. Steck.

To the Moravian Synod: principal, Rev. A. C. Wedekind; alternate, Rev. C. A. Hay, D.D.

To the German Evangelical Church Union of the West: principal, Rev. S. W. Harkey, D.D.; alternate, Rev. W. H. Harrison, D.D.

Your Committee suggest that these delegates be requested to report. There are no delegates from other ecclesiastical bodies present at this Convention.

But Rev. F. R. Holland, the delegate from the Moravian Synod sends a letter, expressing his regret that he is providentially prevented from meeting with us, together with the fraternal greetings of the Synod which he represents. A similar letter has been received from Rev. J. Few Smith, D.D., delegate of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, in which he expressed very fully the kind sentiments entertained by that church towards this body, and to all evangelical Christians, and gives an interesting account of the work of God in their connection. The Committee suggest that these letters be read in the hearing of this Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

S. SPRECHER,
J. A KUNKELMAN,
GOTTLIEB BASSLER,
A. W. LILLY.

The report was adopted, and the letters read.

Dr. Sprecher rendered a

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The delegate from this body to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, respectfully reports, that he met with that Body at the city of Dayton, Ohio, shortly after his appointment, and that he was most cordially received, that the fraternal greetings of this body were most heartily responded to by the moderator of the Assembly, and that on your delegate's quoting, in his address, the Article of the Constitution of this General Synod, inculcating

the duty of Christian union, as one of the earliest instances, if not the very first, of an ecclesiastical body's formally expressing such sentiments on this subject, he was pleasantly interrupted by a hearty expression of applause. (Signed,) SAM'L. SPRECHER.

PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING.

An election was now entered into, to fix the place and time for the next meeting of the Synod. Invitations were received from the cities of Harrisburg and Washington. The tellers reported, the city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as the place, and the third Thursday of May, 1868, as the time.

It was decided to adjourn, to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. S. Sprecher.

SEVENTH DAY.—FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, 8 o'clock, A. M., May 24th, 1866.

The Synod opened with prayer by Rev. E. Breidenbaugh.

PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO DR. SEISS, RECEIVED.

The President presented to the Synod, in written form, his reply to the Pennsylvania Synod's delegation. It is placed in the proper connection.

Rev. Prof. Schmucker, D.D., read, on behalf of the Committee appointed for the purpose, the following

MEMORIAL ON BENJAMIN KURTZ, D.D., LL.D.

Whereas, It has pleased the Great Head of the Church, in the interim since the last meeting of this Synod, to remove from our midst our beloved Brother, the Rev. B. Kurtz, D.D., LL.D., and it is just that we place on record a testimonial of our high estimate of his services; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That by this afflicting dispensation the Lutheran Church has lost one of her oldest, most faithful, and successful ministers; the General Synod, one of her earliest, ablest, and most constant defenders; and the cause of Protestantism and Evangelical piety in our country, one of its most enlightened and fearless advocates.

2. *Resolved*, That whilst we regret that we shall see his face no more amongst us, we feel grateful that a kind Providence permitted him to live and labor so many years, for the best interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, and in his declining years, as well as in the hour of his departure, to bear testimony to the excellence and sufficiency of that Divine Redeemer, in whom living, he had trusted.

3. *Resolved*, That we tender our warmest sympathies to his afflicted family, and commend them to the consolations of that Saviour, who safely conducted their departed parent through the valley of the shadow of death.

4. *Resolved*, That these resolutions be incorporated with the Minutes of the General Synod, a copy to be sent for publication to the editors of our church papers, and to the bereaved family of the deceased.

S. S. SCHMUCKER,
JNO. McCRON,
C. F. HEYER.

It was adopted by a rising vote.

HYMN BOOK COMMITTEE.

The Synod proceeded to ballot for a Hymn Book Committee. The gentlemen elected are Messrs. I. Sulger, C. Kugler, M. Buehler, T. N. Kurtz, and C. F. Norton.

PROTEST PRESENTED.

Rev. Dr. Passavant read a protest against the action of the Synod in the case of the Synod of Pennsylvania.

Protest.

The undersigned delegates of various Synods, connected with the General Synod, having cast their votes against the final action of this Body, as regards the Pennsylvania Synod, respectfully ask leave to place on record the reasons which led them thus to vote, and at the same time, they solemnly, and in the fear of God, protest against this action, as, in their judgment, irregular, and contrary both to the Constitution of the Synod and the law of equity as revealed in the word of God.

And, *First*, we protest against the decision of the retiring President, afterwards sustained by a majority of the delegates, by which the Pennsylvania Synod was declared as not being "in practical relations" to the General Synod, and consequently not entitled to any part in its organization, as *an unwarranted assumption* of power, because,

1. The name of the Pennsylvania Synod was on the official roll of Synods which had been furnished this Body by the retiring Secretary, and after the withdrawal of the Pennsylvania delegates from the Convention in York, the Synod itself is expressly recognized in an official paper as an integral part of the General Synod. In our judgment, therefore, the presiding officer was in duty bound to receive the credentials of the Pennsylvania Synod at the proper time.

2. Because the Constitution and By-laws give him no power whatever to exclude Synods, or even to decide as to their relations to the General Synod, but merely make it his duty "to decide on the validity of the credentials of delegates."

3. The reason given by the Chair, and sustained by the majority, for such refusal to call the names of all the Synods on the official roll, that the Pennsylvania Synod, by the withdrawal of its delegation from the Convention in York, placed itself out of governing relations to the General Synod—is not a

valid one—*as such withdrawal from the sessions was merely the exercise of a right which was freely conceded by the General Synod to the Pennsylvania Synod at the time of its reception in Winchester, and which was never objected to, either before or on the occasion of its exercise.* The retirement of the Pennsylvania delegation from the further sessions of the Synod in York could not, therefore, affect the relations of that Synod to the General Synod—the sole object of this act being, as officially expressed, "in order to report to their own Synod at its approaching Convention."

4. Even if the Pennsylvania Synod afterwards, by a formal act of separation, had sundered its connection with the General Synod, the President could not, by his own ruling, know this and act upon it, until officially notified of such separation.

5. If such a principle is established, it is placed in the power of any future retiring President to rule "out of practical relations" any Synod or number of Synods he may deem proper thus to designate, and a majority of the remaining delegates, by sustaining him, may keep out such Synod or Synods until the Convention is organized, and so long thereafter as they may deem advisable; or may even refuse to give them the rights which belong to all the constituent parts of this Synod, except on conditions which it was known beforehand could never be consented to, without the setting aside of solemn compacts between brethren, or the sacrifice of Christian principle.

And, *Secondly*, we solemnly protest against the final action of this Body in the case of the Pennsylvania Synod, because, that notwithstanding the most satisfactory evidence officially communicated on the floor of this house, that the Pennsylvania Synod was, at the time of the organization, and continues to be, an integral part of this Body, its original relations unchanged, and all its guarantied rights intact, it has now finally been resolved that the previous action of this Convention, in disfranchising it, is "both regular and constitutional," a course of procedure which, in our judgment, is wholly without precedent in law and sanction in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Its inevitable consequence must be a future, fraught with the most serious results to the Church of God.

A. WETZEL, R. ADELBERG, G. W. SCHMUCKER, ROB. NEUMANN.	*Of the Ministerium of the State of N. York.*
W. A. PASSAVANT, W. BERKEMEIER, GOTTLIEB BASSLER, THOS. H. LEAN, LEWIS KIM.	*Pittsburg Synod.*
JOHN RUGAN, U. JESSE KNISELY, P. WILLIAMS, P. KENNEDY.	*English Synod of Ohio and Adjacent States.*
A. AXLINE, W. T. STROBEL, J. A. SPIELMAN.	*English Synod of Iowa.*

W. P. RUTHRAUFF, H. J. RUDISILL, N. B. FREEMAN. } *Synod of Northern Indiana.*
G. FACHTMANN, *Synod of Minnesota.*
LEWIS HIPPEE, *Hartwick Synod, New York.*
EDWARD ROESSLER, *Synod of Illinois.*

The protest was ordered to be placed on the Minutes, and a Committee was appointed to reply to it.

Committee.—Rev. Prof. J. Swartz, Rev. Prof. C. A. Hay, D.D., Rev. Prof. L. Sternberg, D.D., D. A. Buehler, Esq., and Col. W. F. Wagenseller.

Prof. Swartz read the following

REPORT ON MEMORIAL CHURCH, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the proposed Memorial Church at Washington City, beg leave to submit the following:

Whereas, It seems to us, after considering the claims of the movement so auspiciously initiated by our Lutheran Church in Washington, to build a church in the capital of our great nation, which shall be worthy not only of our Lutheran Church, but especially as a monument of the loyalty of our Church and of our gratitude to God for his kindly interposition in saving our nation from disruption and ruin, and which shall also answer an imperative demand for more room to accommodate our large and increasing membership and the numerous congregations which attend upon the ministration of the word in our church; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, as a General Synod, heartily approve said movement, and desire its speedy and complete accomplishment, and that we will encourage contributions to this worthy object.

JOEL SWARTZ,
T. STORK,
T. NEWTON KURTZ.

After some explanatory remarks, by Rev. Mr. Butler and Mr. Pratt, of Washington City, the report was adopted.

Rev. J. G. Butler reported for the Committee on the State of the Church.

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCH.

From the reports of the several Synods, your Committee express the hope that in the future the mind and heart of the Church will be less engaged with matters of controversy, and more earnestly interested in the great work of developing the field in which God in his providence has placed us as laborers. They further cherish the hope that the time is not distant when, as we trust, there is now greater unity in our ecclesiastical life and purpose, there will also be greater conformity in our forms of Church service, in accordance with the teachings of God's word and the historic character of the Church of the Reformation.

The overthrow of the great rebellion since our last meeting, the deliverance of the land from slavery, which nerved the arm that threatened the nation's life; the disbanding of our armies, and the supremacy of law established, furnish ground for hope that the entire Church, North and South, when time shall have healed the nation's heart, may again meet upon common ground, to labor for the promotion of Christ's kingdom. The deliverances of this Synod, during those years of strife, have proceeded not from a sectional or vindictive spirit, but were inspired by love of truth and freedom, and the earnest purpose, as the Scriptures enjoin, to sustain the powers that be, which are ordained of God. Our hearts go out towards our brethren.

In all parts of our vast field there are evidences of the Divine blessing upon the labors of the Church. The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. One of our Synods, in the spirit of the Master, meets our brethren of the common faith as from the emigrant ship they set foot upon our free soil, and furnishes, through a faithful man of God, the counsel and sympathy needed by strangers in a strange land. The Church, in the older States, is actively engaged in gathering in the children, preaching Christ to the people, building houses of worship and parsonages, whilst she is not unmindful wholly of the work of Ministerial Education, Home and Foreign Missions. Though in these departments she is not accomplishing a tithe of what might and should be done.

Far off in the new States and Territories, new centres of influence are being planted, and a living Christianity, through our agency, is making its lasting impressions, by God's blessing, upon the vigor of our Western life. So vast and rich is the field before us, that our chief regret is that these agencies cannot at once be multiplied a hundredfold. No branch of the Church of the Redeemer has, in this land, resources so abundant and so promising as the Church of the Reformation, had we but an adequate number of earnest, godly men to go in and gather the harvest for the Master.

A noble spirit of liberality is endowing our Theological and Literary Institutions, in which we rejoice, and pray that those who give so liberally and cheerfully of their substance may experience the blessedness of their privilege as a rich reward. But is it not the duty of the parents of the Church to consecrate their children to God in the work of the Gospel ministry? Are not the young men of our congregations needed by the Master, and called to turn aside from the paths of gain and worldly ambition, to the honorable, responsible and glorious work of laboring for souls? In our Sunday-schools and catechetical classes are there not many who should be made to weigh the question of duty, in view of the pressing demands for earnest workmen in our Lord's vineyard?

Whilst the spirit of benevolence has greatly improved among us, what millions of unconsecrated wealth are being treasured up against the day of final account! The Church is crippled in all her energies; as Lazarus, she lies at the rich man's gate, and receives only crumbs. "Will a man *rob* God? Yet ye have robbed Me." "Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." As ministers of Him who, "though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor," must we not care-

fully and constantly educate our people to "*abound in this grace also*"? Your Committee are impressed with the conviction not only that we are able to do tenfold more than we have ever done for all the great objects of benevolence—Church Extension, Ministerial Education, Home and Foreign Missions, the Bible, Tract and Sunday-school, and our own Publication Society, as also for the Orphan and the Freedman—but that it is the solemn duty of every pastor to teach his people to be ready to every good work, to labor and pray, and give, as God has prospered him, that Christ's kingdom may come.

Many of our churches are rejoicing in special seasons of grace, refreshings from on high, revivals of religion, in which sinners are converted, whilst God's people are awakening to new life. In view of the Divine promises, this should not be considered surprising, where the word is faithfully preached, and God's house is indeed a house of *prayer*. And more especially should we expect the continuance of these refreshings because of the nation's baptism of tears and blood, all through which the truth has been scattered, in the hospital and upon the tented field, as well as at home, followed by the importunate prayers of parents, wives and children. Your Committee urge upon all the churches the solemn duty of sustaining the prayer-meeting, whilst the regular offering upon the closet and family altars must not be omitted. God is a God of covenant, and it is only faithfulness, upon our part, to his word and ordinances, the daily consecration of ourselves, our families and our churches to Him, that will make us that living power which the Church of the Reformation should be in this land. Thus shall we be prepared to give account of our stewardship. May He fill us with his Holy Spirit, and bring us all into sympathy with our Living Head, in the great work of the world's evangelization!

Your Committee reaffirm the recommendations of the following Standing Resolutions of the General Synod:

On Stated Days and Festivals.

Resolved, 1. That the churches in connection with the General Synod be recommended to observe our regular ecclesiastical festivals, in commemoration of the fundamental facts of our religion, viz.: Christmas, Good-Friday, Easter, Ascension-Day, and Whit-Sunday, in the hope and persuasion that, by the Divine blessing, they will be found to be, as they have often proved, occasions of reviving to our congregations.

Resolved, 2. That it be recommended to the ministers and churches in our connection to celebrate the Thirty-first of October in each year, in commemoration of the commencement of the Reformation.

Resolved, 3. That we recommend to all our pastors the observance of the first Monday in January of each year, as a day of special humiliation and prayer, on which to humble themselves, with their people, before Almighty God, penitently confessing their sins, and earnestly imploring the outpouring of the Spirit on our churches, our missionary operations and the whole world.

Resolved, 4. That we recommend most earnestly that the last Thursday of February of every year be observed by the churches as a day of prayer for the blessing of God upon the work of the Ministry, especially in its relation to the baptized children of the Church, and for the outpouring of the Spirit of God upon the youth of the land, particularly those who are in course of

training in the various institutions of learning in our country and the world. They further recommend the yearly observance of the first week in January, in common with the great church catholic, as a season of special prayer for the outpouring of God's Spirit upon the Church and upon the world.

Respectfully submitted,

J. GEO. BUTLER, J. KELLER,
E. GREENWALD, C. B. THUEMMEL,
E. BREIDENBAUGH, L. M. KUHNS,
L. STERNBERG, J. RUGAN,
R. NEUMANN, D. KLOSS,
C. L. EHRENFELD, H. WILES,
L. A. GOTWALD, A. AXLINE,
A. HELWIG, H. G. BOWERS,
M. W. HAMMA, M. SHEELEIGH,
B. C. SUESSEROTT, C. F. HEYER,
N. VAN ALSTINE.

The Report was adopted.

COMMITTEE TO CORRESPOND WITH SOUTHERN SYNODS.

On motion,

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed by this Synod to enter into correspondence with those Synods in the South, formerly represented in this Body, with a view to the restoration of the fraternal and ecclesiastical relations that once existed among us.

Committee.—Rev. Prof. L. Sternberg, D.D., Rev. J. G. Butler, Rev. F. W. Conrad, D.D., Rev. W. H. Harrison, D.D., and Rev. M. Officer.

PROPOSITION TO REVISE THE CONSTITUTION.

Whereas our Church needs more concentration in the work of Christian benevolence and uniformity in her devotions, therefore,

Resolved, That the principal work intrusted to the General Synod shall be that of Home and Foreign Missions, the General interests of Education, providing our Church with a well-qualified and godly ministry, and the management of all our benevolent operations which require the aid and support of the whole Church, also to provide our Church with its devotional literature, such as its Hymn Books, Liturgy and Catechisms, and in general to do those things which require the efforts and wisdom, and pertain to the interests, of the entire Church.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be now appointed, whose

duty it shall be, upon the basis of its present Constitution and the principles set forth in the preceding resolutions, to prepare an amended and revised Constitution, to be submitted at the next regular meeting of this Body.

Committee.—Rev. Drs. Harkey, Greenwald, Schmucker, Sprecher and Brown.

The Committee on the last printed Minutes of the General Synod, reported.

REPORT ON MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee, to whom were referred the Minutes of the last General Synod, respectfully report, that they find but two items requiring the attention of this Synod, which have not yet been reported upon; viz: the proposed amendments to the Constitution, page 38, and the re-commitment of the report on the German Hymn Book, page 48.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. HAY,
J. A. KUNKELMAN,
E. C. BENDER.

Accepted.

INQUIRY AS TO CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

The roll of Synods was now called, to ascertain the action of the several Synods, upon the proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the General Synod.

During the calling, it was

Resolved, That, without reference to the question of the present relation of the Synod of Pennsylvania to the General Synod, we have learned from the printed Minutes of that body, that it has adopted both the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the General Synod.

AMENDMENTS REPORTED ADOPTED.

The reports of the Synods showed that the first amendment, relating to the ratio of representation, was adopted by twenty-one yeas to one nay; and that the second amendment was adopted by eighteen yeas to four nays.

The Secretary being instructed to print the amendments in the Minutes, they are here given:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

(Adopted.)

1. Amendment to Article II., in relation to the ratio of representation. Strike out the second paragraph of said Article and insert the following:

"Each Evangelical Lutheran Synod containing eight ministers may send one; if it contain sixteen, two; if twenty-four, three; if thirty-two, four; if forty, five; if fifty-five, six; if seventy, seven; if eighty-five, eight; and if it contain one hundred and upwards, nine delegates of the rank of ordained ministers, and an equal number of lay delegates. Each Synod at present connected with this body shall be entitled to at least one clerical and one lay representative."

2. Amendment to Article III., Sec. 3, in relation to the admission of Synods. Strike out Section 3, and insert the following:

"All regularly constituted Lutheran Synods, not now in connection with the General Synod, receiving and holding, with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of our fathers, the Word of God, as contained in the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and the Augsburg Confession, as a correct exhibition of the fundamental doctrines of the Divine Word, and of the faith of our Church founded upon that Word, may at any time become associated with the General Synod, by complying with the requisitions of this Constitution, and sending delegates to its Convention according to the ratio specified in Article II."

CONCERNING A GERMAN HYMN BOOK.

Dr. Schmucker, chairman of the Committee, made a verbal statement, that no further communication had been received from Dr. Schaeffer on the subject, and that in the existing state of things, nothing could be done in reference to it at present.

Resolved, That the chairman of the Committee on Theological and Literary Institutions, have permission to incorporate into his report such statements concerning them, as he may receive, after adjournment, from the officers of the same.

REPORT ON LITERARY AND THEOLOGICAL INSTIUTIONS.

The Committee on Literary and Theological Institutions beg leave to present the following statements, furnished by representatives of the respective institutions named:

Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg.—Pennsylvania College is now about one-third of a century old. It was founded especially for the youth in the Lutheran Church, and generally to aid in the work of higher education throughout the land. This work it has accomplished, in its sphere, with commendable success. She has given to the church a large majority of her most influential and successful ministers. She has officered the principal colleges, theological seminaries, and grammar schools of the church ; whilst her graduates, and those who were educated by her, without graduation, are occupying honorable and influential positions in the halls of legislation, at the bar, on the bench, in the school-room, and in other walks of useful life.

She is now recovering from the baleful influence of the Rebellion, which her sons, with others, aided to suppress. The current year, the roll of students, in both departments, numbers one hundred and fifty-four. The endowment fund has been greatly increased, by the judicious liberality of Rev. J. E. Graeff, of Philadelphia, Messrs. A. F. and G. P. Ockershausen, and Rev. V. L. Conrad, of New York, Mr. C. A. Morris of York, Rev. F. Benedict, of Bedford, and others; so that the Board of Trustees has been enabled to enlarge the course of instruction, and increase the corps of Professors.

In addition to this, they have enlarged the cabinet of minerals, by the purchase of the Seymour Cabinet, of New York, one of the rarest and most valuable collections in the country. They have also renewed and greatly enlarged the chemical and philosophical apparatus, so that in this department, the Professors are prepared to illustrate the truths of science, by experiments at once brilliant and satisfactory. Among the instruments recently purchased is a telescope, of nine and a half feet focal length, and four and a half inches aperture, and equatorially mounted, so that it is adapted, not only to observation, but astronomical measurement.

This College claims and asks for the patronage of the church in Pennsylvania, and portions of States adjacent, East and South.

Wittenberg College, Ohio.—Since the last meeting of the General Synod, this Institution has been enjoying a degree of prosperity unequalled in any period of its previous history. After the close of the war, many of the young men who, at the call of their country, had abandoned their studies to participate in the suppression of the rebellion, have now returned, and, in connection with the new students that have come in, have increased our number from 156—the catalogue number last year—to above 200, the present attendance.

Our endowment is going on most encouragingly, being now in all over $100,000. Quite recently there have been collected from the citizens of Springfield, about $8,000, for the completion of the college edifice and the improvement of the surrounding grounds. This year we graduate a class of 16, 15 of whom are professors of religion. This Institution has sent forth

one hundred ministerial laborers into the Master's vineyard, being fifteen less than the entire number of our graduates. During the last few years, but few young men have applied for beneficiary aid; now, however, more are seeking such assistance than receive it.

Illinois State University.—This Institution is at present in a better condition than it has been at any time since the commencement of the war. The number of students during the past year, was 70, nearly all from abroad, (and crowding the building to its utmost capacity,) 10 of whom were candidates for the ministry. The debt has been somewhat reduced, and a new effort is now in progress, by which it will, in the confident expectation of its friends, be entirely paid before the close of the present year. Its present Faculty are, S. W. Harkey, D.D., President, and Professor of Theology and of Intellectual and Moral Science; Rev. B. C. Suesserott, A.M., Professor of the Greek and Latin languages; L. F. M. Easterday, A.M., Professor of Mathematics; Noah Hodge, A.M., Principal of the Preparatory Department; and J. J. Cook, A.M., Tutor.

We need additional buildings, and at least a partial endowment. The citizens of Springfield and Sangamon County, it is believed, will furnish the means needed to erect the additions to our building; and we hope the Church will, at no distant day, furnish the endowment.

Hartwick Seminary, State of New York.—This, our oldest Theological Seminary, continues to prosper in its work of preparing men for the gospel ministry. Its last Catalogue shows two students in Theology, and nine in the Preparatory Department. Since the last meeting of the General Synod, Prof. Levi Sternberg, D.D., has resigned as Principal, and he has been succeeded by Rev. William N. Scholl. At the same meeting of the Trustees that elected Mr. Scholl, it was resolved to increase the endowment of the Institution fifty thousand dollars; and the new Principal entered with energy upon the work of raising that sum. He has succeeded in securing half the amount, with a good prospect of getting the balance, if not even more. This, added to the eighteen thousand dollars, its present endowment, would make an aggregate of sixty-eight thousand dollars.

This fall, the Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Institution will be celebrated. Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D.D., will deliver a historical address, and Rev. W. Hull will read a poem. Rev. Dr. G. B. Miller, the able and beloved Professor of Theology, continues his labors in that Department. His golden wedding will be celebrated the present summer.

May the Lord prosper the efforts to make this school of the prophets more efficient, by adding to its endowment and corps of instructors!

Theological Seminary, Gettysburg.—The Constitution of our Seminary making provision for a report of the condition of this Institution, to each successive session of the General Synod, as President of the Board of Directors I beg leave to submit the following:

Since the last report, made to the Synod convened at York, important changes have taken place, affecting the interests of our beloved Institution—some, rather adversely, and others, we trust, beneficially. The establishing of another institution on this our territory, and the withdrawal of one of our Professors, without the constitutionally required notice, taking with him stu-

dents who naturally were attached to him, left us, as may be supposed, with but a limited number of students. Influences have been set at work, and representations made, calculated to place our beloved Institution in a prejudicial light before the Church, as being un-Lutheran and not true to the historic faith of the Church. This may for awhile operate somewhat against us. But as the tree is known by its fruits, we are willing to be judged by our past record and by our honest endeavors for the future, and are determined, by the help of the Master, to obey the injunction of the great Apostle: (Tit. i. 9.) "Holding fast the faithful word as *ye have* been taught, that *ye* may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers."

Since our last report, the venerable S. S. Schmucker, D.D., who was instrumental in the establishment of this Institution, and labored therein most faithfully for thirty-eight years, resigned his position as active Professor; and three others have been elected—Rev. J. A. Brown, D.D., Rev. C. A. Hay, D.D., and Rev. M. Valentine. These men are in every respect qualified for the positions to which the Lord, through the Church, has called them, and are entitled to the entire confidence of the Church. They are not new to the Church; they are men who have been tried—in whose piety and ability, and devotedness to the interests of our Zion, all have the utmost confidence. The venerable Dr. C. P. Krauth, Sen., is still devoting all his energies to the duties devolving upon him. With such men at the head, if we continue in the future to look to, and trust confidently in the great Master—as has been done in the past—we cannot fail. "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

The Seminary building has been thoroughly repaired, the rooms are being refurnished, and adequate additions and repairs are in progress on the Professors' houses. Valuable additions have been made to the library. Some sixty thousand dollars have been added to the endowment fund. Thirteen students have been in attendance during the present year.

This Institution has been, as all must acknowledge, a great blessing to the Church. It has never in the least changed, or departed from, its confessional stand-point. It has ever advocated and fostered an enlightened, sanctified, active, progressive Church life and feeling, in opposition to an extreme formalism, ritualism, and symbolism. And thus, I trust, it ever will do.

Our fervent prayer is that the Lord may bless our beloved Institution in the future as he has done in the past, make it a fountain of salvation to the Church, and from it send forth laborers into his vineyard—workmen approved unto God, that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

(This report was prepared by Rev. Dr. A. H. Lochman, President of the Board of Directors.)

Missionary Institute.—The Missionary Institute, located at Selinsgrove, Pa., is quietly pursuing its work, having, in the course of the few years of its existence, sent out about thirty-five ministers of the Gospel of Christ, most of whom are doing a good work. The services of the graduating class of this spring are already engaged, and there is demand for more. There are at present eleven theological students in the Institute, which number would be larger but for the fact that several left this school, as well as the classical school connected therewith, during the war, and laid down their lives in defence of their country. An effort has been commenced to endow a Professor-

ship in the institution, and thus far about fifteen thousand dollars have been secured.

The Classical department connected herewith, under the charge of the Rev. Prof. Born and his able assistants, is in quite a flourishing condition, having at this time about one hundred students attending its sessions. Quite a revival of religion has been going on in this department, which has resulted in a number of hopeful conversions.

During the present scholastic year, the number of students in both departments was one hundred and thirty-eight. Both departments are in a prosperous condition. One of the great desiderata now is an additional building; ten or twelve applications having been rejected for want of room.

Susquehanna Female College.—In the Susquehanna Female College, located at Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, a very great and good work of grace has been going on for several months, and numbers of conversions are reported.

Rev. Prof. S. Domer, who has charge of this school, aided by a corps of able and earnest teachers, is well calculated for this position; and, instead of only about one hundred pupils, he ought to have had considerably more if space allowed; but it is confidently expected that an addition will be made to the building, to accommodate the increased number asking for admission. It is indeed gratifying to see the great interest manifested by the Lutheran Church, in this part of the country, in the education of their daughters.

Fairfield College, Iowa.—This Institution is now in as prospercus a condition as at any time heretofore. The average number of pupils in attendance during the last year has been about one hundred. The friends of the Institution are greatly encouraged, and trust that it will ultimately be a great blessing to the Church, as well as to the community in which it is located.

Iowa Lutheran College.—This College is located in the centre of the State of Iowa. The prospects of success, as a classical institution, are favorable. Whether it shall become a power for good in our Church, depends upon future developments. If we can harmonize, as we hope and believe we may, and if the Church will lend its helping hand, the way is open to make it a great centre of influence for good.

Mendota College, Illinois.—This Institution has been in existence for more than nine years. Its Preparatory Department was opened in the spring of 1857, in the Lutheran Church. The College building was erected in 1857, and the Institution was chartered in the winter of 1858 under the name of "Mendota College;" and is therefore empowered to graduate students through all the studies of a regular College Curriculum, and confer degrees. It has a Male and a Female Department, and the highest number of pupils in attendance was during the past year, in which there were eighty-two Females and sixty Males—in all, one hundred and forty-three.

It occupies a beautiful and healthy location in near proximity to the corporation limits. The town of Mendota is situated at the intersection of the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy Railroad with the Illinois Central Railroad, and contains a population of between four thousand and five thousand inhabitants. A more eligible situation for an Institution of learning cannot be found in the "Prairie State."

Its Faculty consists of Rev. W. H. Wynn and Prof. J. B. Corbett, Principals; Mrs. Lizzie C. Wynn, Superintendent of Domestic Duties; Mrs. Maud Hartley Jones, Assistant; Miss Clara Augustine, Teacher of Music; Mrs. Lillian P. Smith, Teacher of Painting and Drawing; Rev. D. Harbaugh, Financial Agent.

The Committee regret that some of the statements are so meagre, and that their efforts to secure reports from other institutions have proved unavailing.

Respectfully submitted.

F. W. CONRAD,
G. W. SCHMUCKER,
H. W. KUHNS,
J. EVANS,
A. M. GEIGER,
J. E. HERBST,
W. F. WAGENSELLER.

DEVELOPMENT OF LUTHER'S SMALLER CATECHISM.

The paper which follows was presented in the name of the Synod of New Jersey.

"*Whereas*, There is deeply felt in our church, whose strength and glory have ever consisted, in no small degree, in her blessed system of catechetical instruction, a growing want of a more specific and detailed development of our good old Catechism for children and youth, which shall meet the demands of these Sunday School days; and,

"*Whereas*, We hold that the unity, peace, and prosperity of the Church appear to require that we should as far as practicable look to the General Synod for our books of public devotion and instruction, which we are also encouraged by the Constitution of that body to do; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That our delegates to the next meeting of the General Synod, be hereby instructed to ask that body to prepare and publish, in English and German, editions of Luther's Smaller Catechism, with a system of supplementary and illustrative questions and answers, in which the doctrines and duties of religion shall be minutely presented in a clear, simple, succinct manner, for the use of our families, schools, and catechetical classes."

According to their instructions, as thus recited from the last Minutes of the Synod of New Jersey, the delegates of said Synod earnestly ask the General Synod to adopt this important request.

Respectfully submitted,

M. SHEELEIGH,
E. C. WILLET.

The request was adopted, and a committee appointed to prepare the work.

Committee.—Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D., Rev. C. A. Hay, D.D., and Rev. M. Sheeleigh.

TO PUBLISH PROPOSITIONS OF PENNSYLVANIA DELEGATES.

Resolved, That the final propositions of the delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod to this body be published in our Minutes. [Placed in the proper connection.]

MINUTES ORDERED TO BE PUBLISHED.

Resolved, That fifteen hundred copies of the Proceedings of this Convention be published under the direction of the Secretary, and distributed in the usual manner.

Resolved, That the editors of our German papers be kindly requested to present in their respective publications, an abstract of our proceedings.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the several pastors of Fort Wayne be requested to tender the cordial acknowledgments of this Synod to the citizens of this place and vicinity, for the generous entertainment and the many courtesies extended to the members of this body and visiting brethren.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to present the thanks of the Synod, to the officers of the various railroad companies that have favored us by granting our delegates free return tickets.

Resolved, That the Synod express its acknowledgments to Mr. L. L. Houpt, for his kindness in negotiating the above arrangements.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be presented to its Officers, for the faithfulness and impartiality with which they have discharged their several duties, during this Convention.

With the expiration of the morning, the Synod adjourned till 2 o'clock.

Prayer was offered, Dr. E. Greenwald leading.

SEVENTH DAY.—SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, May 24th, 2 o'clock, P. M.

Synod re-assembled at the appointed hour.

Rev. S. A. Holman offered prayer.

The Minutes being read, they were adopted.

LITURGIC COMMITTEE ENLARGED AND INSTRUCTED.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Liturgic Committee be continued, and be enlarged by adding thereto Rev. Drs. Brown, Hay and Conrad, with instruction to complete the form of Public Worship for the Lord's Day, as soon as convenient, and publish a provisional copy of the same, for the use of the Church.

The Committee will hereafter consist of S. S. Schmucker, D. D., H. N. Pohlman, D. D., J. G. Morris, D. D., S. Sprecher, D. D., T. Stork, D. D., J. A. Brown, D. D., C. A. Hay, D. D. and F. W. Conrad, D. D.

Resolved, That the Committee improve the Liturgy, and refer it to the next General Synod.

REVISION OF THE HYMN-BOOK.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That it is the impression of this Synod that our Hymn Book needs revision.

Resolved, that a Committee of five be appointed to revise our Hymn Book, and report the result of their labors at the next General Synod.

The Synod proceeded to ballot for a Hymn Book Committee. Tellers, Rev. S. A. Holman, Rev. C. L. Streamer. They announced as the

Committee.—Hon. G. W. Raff, Rev. C. A. Stork, Rev. A. J. Weddell, Rev. M. Valentine, Rev. S. S. Schmucker, D. D.

TEMPERANCE RESOLUTION.

Whereas, Intemperance is a great evil, seriously retarding the progress of the Kingdom of Christ, and bringing incalculable evils on society, and,

Whereas, Every Christian must rejoice at the success of any proper efforts for its removal, therefore,

Resolved, That this General Synod views with great pleasure the success attending the recent earnest and well-directed efforts put forth by the friends of Temperance for the removal of Intemperance, and is glad to see our ministers and people co-operating with others in extending the principles of Temperance throughout our land.

REQUEST TO PUBLISHERS OF HYMN BOOK.

Resolved, That the publishers of our Hymn Book, be requested to have the recent Amendments to the Constitution of the General Synod inserted in all future editions of said Hymn Book.

ADDRESS CONCERNING CHURCH AT NASHVILLE.

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Eggers be permitted to address the Synod, concerning his church at Nashville.

After listening to this Brother's impressive representations, it was

Resolved, That we have heard with much interest the statements of Rev. H. Eggers, pastor of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church, of Nashville, Tennessee, with regard to the condition and wants of his church, and that we affectionately commend him to our people for aid in his efforts to build a house of worship in that city.

REPLY TO PROTEST.

Rev. Prof. Joel Swartz read, on behalf of the committee, a Reply to the Protest offered this morning.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Protest read by Dr. Passavant before this body, and signed by various members, against the action of the General Synod in the case of the Pennsylvania Synod, beg leave to submit the following answer:

The position of the protestants rests upon a mistake in regard to the nature and origin of the difficulty. They suppose that it has arisen from the exercise of the ordinary and legitimate rights of the members of an organized and representative body. Here is their capital mistake. What are those rights in such a body? They are evidently such only as can take place in the body, and compatibly with its existence; such as the right to speak, to vote, and, by calling for the ayes and nays, to have their votes recorded. If in the use of these rights they find themselves in a minority, the duty of loyalty requires them still to submit to the decisions expressed by the majority. If they regard the action as a violation of the Constitution, then they have still another right—that of respectful protest, and the recording of such protest upon the Minutes of the body, thus exonerating themselves from all responsibility for such action; but loyalty still demands submission. Beyond this, the integral parts of any organized and representative body cannot go, and still retain full and complete membership in it. If, however, they feel that they cannot submit even under protest, and, proceeding a step further, withdraw from the body, this act is incipient revolution, and of necessity disturbs the relations of such members with the body from whose sessions they secede, and forfeit their share in its governmental functions. When the body represented

by such retiring delegates makes their action its own, the revolution is complete. This last step severs all relations, and forfeits all rights of future membership. In accordance with these manifest principles, the organizing President of the present convention decided that "the Synod of Pennsylvania was out of practical relation with the General Synod," as the delegates of the former body had openly, and without permission, seceded from the sessions of the last General Synod at York. Furthermore, he was assured by official documents placed in his hands, that the Synod of Pennsylvania had authorized her delegation in a certain contingency, of the occurrence of which she constituted them the judges, to protest and withdraw from the sessions of the General Synod; and having no official knowledge of the Pennsylvania Synod's subsequent action, he ruled that this body could not admit her delegates to participate in the organization of this Convention, as no papers from such Synod could be examined and decided upon until the officers necessary to an organization could be elected. That is, this body could not entertain the application of delegates from a Synod having no practical relation to it, until the General Synod had a formal existence. For the absurdity of a body being capable of receiving a report before its organization, that is, before it exists, needs scarcely to be pointed out, and the ruling of the President, based upon this view of the case, distinctly stated, was, upon appeal, taken to the undisputed delegations, sustained by an overwhelming majority. If any thing further be necessary to illustrate the legitimacy of the President's ruling and its support by the Convention, it may be seen from the absurdity of admitting a principle contrary to it. Suppose that any number of members of the General Synod could withdraw, without permission, for any cause, and yet be regarded as entitled to all the rights and privileges of full membership, what would be the consequence? Why, since the Constitution requires a "majority of the deputies of a majority of the Synods attached to the General Synod" to "be present" before "business shall go on," then the very existence of this body might at any time be destroyed by the withdrawal of a majority of the members of the majority of the Synods, leaving the loyal minority without even the power of adjourning and appointing the time and place of a future meeting. Can it be possible that the General Synod is such a body? Is it credible that she has legitimated such a suicidal principle in her Constitution, or in her official action? And yet this is what is practically contended for by the protestants. Nay, on the contrary, it is a principle of common sense, and universally admitted, that the rights and privileges of a loyal minority in a body cannot be destroyed by the defection from it of a disloyal majority. Upon the indubitable principle, then, that when the delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod withdrew from the sessions of the General Synod without its consent, they could not in such state of withdrawal be counted among its legitimate membership or be entitled to the benefit of undisturbed relations with this body, the arguments of the protestants are easily answered.

1st. The argument that the Pennsylvania Synod was officially recognized as a member of this body after the withdrawal of its delegates at York, because her name is found on the official roll, made out by the retiring Secretary, rests upon a mistake, in regard to a point of fact. The roll in the possession of the President during the organization of this body was the list found recorded in the Minutes of the last Convention. The list contained the

names of the delegates and of their Synods as reported in the organization of that Convention, and as the Pennsylvania Synod was *then* in full relations to the General Synod, her name properly appeared in the list; just as being out of relations now, her name will not appear on the list or Minutes of the present Convention. No roll was made out by the retiring Secretary after the withdrawal of the delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod. If he *had* made such roll, it could not oblige the General Synod to be governed by it, for it was the mere act of the Secretary. To have bound the General Synod, it must have received her official sanction, which it did not. In like manner, the argument that the Pennsylvania Synod was officially recognized as in full membership in the General Synod after the withdrawal of her delegates at York, because she is so referred to, in the "Report on the state of the Church," rests upon a misapprehension. It is simply said in that paper, that in view of the numbers, etc., represented in that Synod, the Pennsylvania Synod must ever enjoy a commanding place among the Synods of the General Synod. As the report was not upon the relations of the Synod to the General Synod, but upon quite a different subject, viz., her numbers, resources, etc., the adoption of such a paper did not define those relations. As the Chairman of your present Committee was the Chairman of the Committee on that report, he may be permitted to say, that if the protestants suppose it was the design of the Committee to go so far aside from their proper business as to express an opinion upon the subject in connection with which it is quoted in the protest, they are greatly mistaken. As well might a similar remark, made in a report a few years ago upon the extent and resources of Virginia, be quoted as defining the relations of that State to the American Union, against which she was then in rebellion. But since the protestants have referred to this report, it may not be inappropriate to attend to an argument which it incidentally furnishes, that the Pennsylvania Synod was, by the withdrawal of its delegates, put out of practical relations with the General Synod. Those who were present at the last Convention of the General Synod will, perhaps, remember that the Chairman of the Pennsylvania delegation, who was also Chairman of this very Committee on the state of the Church, delivered into the hands of the President of the General Synod the documents in his possession, with the remark, that he and his fellow delegates must be withdrawn from their places in the various committees on which they had been appointed. How could he have divested himself and his fellow delegates of the duty assigned them in the General Synod without its consent, if his Synod was still a governing power in the General Synod? Or by what right did the President of the General Synod substitute for the name of Rev. Dr. Schaeffer that of the Chairman of your present Committee, if the original Chairman had, after his withdrawal, a right at any time to return and resume his seat in the General Synod and his place in said Committee?

As to the second argument of the protestants, that, "Because the Constitution and By-laws give no power whatever to exclude Synods, or even to decide as to their relations to the General Synod, but merely make it his duty 'to decide on the validity of the credentials of the delegates,'" we have only to say, that having proved that the Pennsylvania Synod was out of practical relations with the General Synod, it was not competent to the President offi-

cially to know any paper or a credential of delegates from that Synod, and consequently not to receive it at that stage of the meeting even for examination. The third and further claim of the protestants, that the Pennsylvania Synod exercised only a conceded right in withdrawing from this body, and hence could not have violated her claim to full membership, is fallacious, because, if such right *was* conceded upon her reception into this body, at Winchester in 1853, the retiring President in organizing the present Convention could not officially know the fact; for it is not recorded in the Minutes of this body. The General Synod can know only such facts as her official acts which have a recorded place in her Minutes. The right alluded to as a concession, not being on official record, and consequently not binding on this body, the President could not, of course, respect the claim based upon its assumption. If the Pennsylvania Synod had, as she claims, secured such an unusual concession from this body, and one to which she attaches such an immense importance, and of which she now claims the right to avail herself, even at the peril of the life of the General Synod, it is her own oversight that it was not officially entered upon the Minutes of this Synod, and the consequences of such neglect are of her own procuring. But if such a right, as that claimed, had received an official sanction by the General Synod, still, as it was essentially and necessarily revolutionary in the very nature of the case, this body could have consented to it only as she consents the other integral parts of this and every organization have the ultimate right of revolution whenever the contingency justifying its exercise actually occurs. Of course, then she expected to regard the Pennsylvania Synod as occupying that necessary relation of practical withdrawal whenever the latter body chose to exercise the right claimed to have been granted.

As to the remaining argument upon this point, that "the principle upon which the retiring President acted, places it in the power of any future retiring President to rule out of practical relations any Synod or number of Synods, etc.," it may be answered, that it presupposes what is contrary to common sense, viz., that future Presidents shall not be capable of distinguishing between the delegates of Synods that remain in loyal obedience to the body and those who disloyally and violently sever themselves from it.

Finally, in regard to their solemn protest against the final action of this body in the case of the Pennsylvania Synod, we have only time to say that it was announced by the retiring President that an opportunity would, no doubt, be given, to present a report or credentials from persons claiming to be delegates of the Pennsylvania Synod, immediately after the organization, by the election of officers; that this body did immediately after its organization ask for such a report, and invite those brethren to present their credentials; that she has repeated this invitation in her last action; and that consequently there is no ground whatever for the pathetic complaint and the doleful prophecies with which the protest concludes.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOEL SWARTZ,
CHAS. A. HAY,
LEVI STERNBERG,
D. A. BUEHLER,
W. F. WAGENSELLER. } *Committee.*

The Reply was received, and ordered to be placed upon the Minutes.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be tendered to the Editors of papers of Fort Wayne, for the interest manifested in the sessions of Synod, by publishing so large a portion of its proceedings in their papers.

An adjournment until 8 o'clock this evening was moved and agreed upon; with the understanding that the time not needed for business be spent in a prayer meeting.

The session closed with prayer, by Rev. H. G. Bowers.

EVENING.

THURSDAY, 8 o'clock, P. M., May 24th.

At the designated hour, the Synod assembled for the last time. The President was in the chair. No more business was suggested.

The time was then most delightfully and profitably employed in the services of a prayer meeting. At intervals, a number of brethren made short addresses, relating to the experience and duties of Christians, and the interests and prospects of Zion.

All felt that it was good to be there.

After the final prayer, which was offered by the President, all united in singing two stanzas of the 753d hymn, and concluded with the doxology, number 1006:

"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures, here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

The Synod then adjourned, to meet again in its twenty-third Convention, in the city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on the third Thursday of May, in the year of our Lord, 1868.

MATTHIAS SHEELEIGH,
Secretary of General Synod.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

NAMES OF SYNODS.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Infant Baptisms.	Additions to full Membership.				Losses.			Communing Members.	Sunday Schools.				Prayer Meetings, &c.	Contributions.					
				Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	By Certificate.	Restorations.	Deceased.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.		Lutheran.	Union.	Teachers.	Scholars.		Synodical Treas'y.	Beneficiary Educ'n	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Local Objects.	Gen'l Benevolence.
1. Maryland Synod,	35	44	3,297	56	968	706		568	109	5	6,581	27	18	764	5,228	31	$177 66	$1,209 09	$1,781 55	$1,012 10	$22,803 20	$15,438 77
2. W. Penn'a "	47	99	2,124	189	1,072	331	5	835	248	14	11,920	34	67	708	4,881	76	346 36	1,981 52	1,880 40	1,707 00	33,536 00	14,383 28
3. Hartwick "	26	31	339	43	144	42		94	36	8	4,293	29	14	420	3,034	19	288 90	365 63	365 64	617 04	23,736 75	6,720 55
4. New York "	61	60	7,956	106	2,097	548		307	77	257	13,740	64		948	7,967	10	435 66	449 87	1,329 55	2,116 59	39,397 58	9,839 64
5. Alleghany "	42	96	1,072	133	595	310	21	259	222	60	6,314	34	48	502	3,327	56	329 59	625 38	2,072 26	878 56	12,431 01	9,296 57
6. East Penn'a "	60	115	2,751	298	1,251	639	20	506	261	17	12,016	53	76	1887	12,649	90	677 36	3,290 77	4,267 60	2,183 80	70,518 76	11,704 46
7. Miami "	33	49	548	44	234	198		110	56	2	3,303	33		331	2,666	29	247 00	638 00	394 80	855 60	31,112 00	3,846 04
8. Wittenberg "	34	43	183	115	254	212	24	96	147	14	2,606	25	17	473	3,477	27	246 48	388 36	370 41	566 70	13,667 19	3,012 93
9. East Ohio "	37	59	375	193	356	372		126	245	14	3,684	26	36	650	4,733	39	320 61	435 34	594 83	604 99	10,518 69	7,338 60
10. Illinois "	44	37	124	125	484	266		350	60	18	4,470	22		223	1,766	10	242 20	610 30	1,175 00	891 00	26,342 20	1,995 30
11. Olive Branch "	17	29	150	59	87	48		55	56	5	1,276	20		64	1,062	16	307 75	48 85	80 58	140 20	2,613 52	186 15
12. North. Illinois "	25	43	371	48	183	230	14	56	25		2,116	21	17	300	2,112	20	142 06	179 09	179 12	66 10	15,076 00	579 42
13. Pittsburg "	52	100	2,465	159	885	545	64	316	530	65	8,611	62		564	4,340	21	567 87	1,782 57	3,073 90	873 05	56,677 48	29,409 12
14. English Ohio "	11	26	316	9	150	19		70	55		1,634	14	3	58	390		104 20		120 70	34 30		480 09
15. Central Penn. "	34	78	1,160	86	648	228	47	311	85	24	6,737	14	86	456	2,963	84	274 96	680 06	871 93	546 36	7,254 50	1,755 80
16. North'n Ind. "	28	65	376	290	398	472		83	144		2,902	53		423	3,048	39	195 10	161 40	237 20	142 60	20,164 50	441 75
17. Iowa "	22	23	294	39	150	111		35	25	5	927	22			505	12	74 50		342 65	119 00	5,612 50	338 00
18. Melanchthon "	16	46	993	91	543	65		218	117	6	4,271	27	36	562	2,919	44	115 00	603 00	261 01	218 51	2,305 00	895 00
19. New Jersey "	8	10	106	23	109	23	2	42	19	18	1,368	13	11	219	1,321	13	71 00	148 53	251 56	265 51	7,000 00	1,166 42
20. Minnesota "	16																					
21. Franckean "	26	32	122	32	135	89		74	22		2,670	18				24	200 00				4,587 05	2,204 48
	674	1,085	25,112	2,138	10,752	5,454	197	4,511	2,537	532	101,439	611	425	9,552	68,388	660	5,364 26	13,597 76	19,641 71	13,839 11	475,376 93	121,032 37

NOTE.—This Table covers two years—the time since the former meeting of the General Synod. The last table prepared, which appears in the Minutes of 1862, represents a period of three years. The Minutes of the Synod of Minnesota contain no Parochial Table. In the Minutes of the Franckean Synod it is not stated for what objects the Benevolent Contributions were made; hence the whole sum is here placed under the head of General Benevolence. In attempting to compile such a table, nothing appears more evident than its imperfections. In the Reports of some Synods, even those items which might be expected to remain nearly the same, or to show some advance from year to year, are found to vary very largely, when there is evidently no sufficient reason for the difference. This remark applies to the numbers representing the Congregations, Communicants, Sunday-Schools, Teachers, Scholars, Prayer Meetings, &c. No remedy can be applied until Synods determine to conform their tables to a common standard, and demand more faithfulness from their respective members, in rendering their reports.—SECRETARY.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GENERAL SYNOD

OF

The Evangelical Lutheran Church

IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

(AS LAST AMENDED.)

Jesus Christ, the Supreme Head of his Church, having prescribed no entire specific directory for government and discipline, and every section of his Church being left at full liberty to make such additional regulations to that effect, as may be most adapted to its situation and circumstances, therefore—relying upon God our Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit in the Word of God, for the promotion of the practice of brotherly love, to the furtherance of Christian concord, to the firm establishment and continuance of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace—We, the Deputies of the "German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania and the neighboring States," of the "German and English Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the State of North Carolina and the bordering States," of the "Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium in the State of New York, and the neighboring States and Countries," and of the "Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland and Virginia," &c., for ourselves and our successors, do adopt the following fundamental articles, viz:

ARTICLE I.

The name, style and title of this Convention shall be: "*The Evangelical Lutheran General Synod of the United States of North America.*"

ARTICLE II.

The General Synod shall consist of the Deputies from the several Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conventions in the United States, who may join themselves thereunto, and be duly acknowledged as members thereof in the following ratio, namely:

Each Evangelical Lutheran Synod containing eight ministers, may send one; if it contain sixteen, two; if twenty-four, three; if thirty-two, four; if forty, five; if fifty-five, six; if seventy, seven; if eighty-five, eight; and if

it contain one hundred and upwards, nine delegates of the rank of ordained ministers, and an equal number of lay delegates. Each Synod at present connected with this body shall be entitled to at least one clerical, and one lay representative.

Each Deputy, appearing in the General Synod according to this ratio, shall, except as is hereinafter provided, enjoy an equal right and vote with all others. Every Synod may choose its deputies in such a way and manner as to them may seem proper; and shall pay the travelling expenses of the same to and from the General Synod, until the General Synod shall have established for itself a treasury from which the future expenses may be discharged.

ARTICLE III.

The business of the General Synod shall be as follows, namely:

SECTION I. The General Synod shall examine the proceedings of the several Synods and Ministeriums belonging to this association, in order that they may obtain some knowledge of the existing state and condition of the Church. The several Synods, therefore, shall transmit as many copies of their proceedings to the General Synod, as there shall be members contained in the General Synod.

SECTION II. Whenever the General Synod shall deem it proper or necessary, they may propose to the special Synods or Ministeriums, new books or writings, such as catechisms, forms of liturgy, collections of hymns for general or special public use in the church. Every proposal of the kind, the several or respective Synods may duly consider, and if they, or any of them, shall be of opinion, that the said book or books, writing or writings, will not conduce to the end proposed, they may reject them, and adopt such liturgical books as they may think proper.

But no General Synod can be allowed to possess, or arrogate unto itself "the power of *prescribing* among us *uniform ceremonies of religion* for every part of the Church;" or to introduce such alterations in matters appertaining to the faith, or to the mode of publishing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, (the Son of God, and ground of our faith and hope,) as might in any way tend to burden the consciences of the brethren in Christ.

SECTION III. All regularly constituted Lutheran Synods, not now in connection with the General Synod, receiving and holding with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of our fathers the Word of God, as contained in the Canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the only infallible rule of faith and practice, and the Augsburg Confession, as a correct exhibition of the fundamental doctrines of the Divine Word, and of the faith of our Church founded upon that Word, may at any time, become associated with the General Synod, by complying with the requisitions of this Constitution, and sending delegates to its convention according to the ratio specified in Article II.

SECTION IV. With regard to the grades in the Ministry, the General Synod may give to the several Ministeriums their deliberate advice, wherein the circumstances of time, place, and condition must be duly contemplated, and a beneficial uniformity, and actual equality, of rank among the several ministers, must, as much as possible, be had in view. The General Synod shall also ad-

vise such rules and regulations among the several Synods and Ministeriums, as may prevent unpleasant and unfriendly collisions, that might otherwise arise out of any difference of grades existing among them, or from any other possible causes.

SECTION V. The General Synod shall not be looked upon as a tribunal of appeal; it may, however, be employed in the following cases and after the following manner:

1. The General Synod may give advice or opinion, when complaints shall be brought before them, by whole Synods, Ministeriums, Congregations, or individual Ministers, concerning doctrine or discipline. They shall, however, be extremely careful that the consciences of Ministers of the Gospel be not burdened with human inventions, laws, or devices, and that no one be oppressed by reason of differences of opinion on non-fundamental doctrines.

2. If parties, differing in matters of doctrine and discipline, refer the cause of difference, in a brotherly manner, to the General Synod, they shall institute a close and exact scrutiny and examination thereof, and give their opinion on the subject of difference, according to their best insight of right, equity, brotherly love and truth.

3. If difference between Synods be referred, the votes thereon shall be taken by Synods, and the referring Synods shall have no vote.

SECTION VI. The General Synod may devise plans for Seminaries of Education and Missionary Institutions, as well as for the aid of poor ministers, and the widows and orphans of poor ministers, and endeavor, with the help of God, to carry them into effect.

SECTION VII. The General Synod may also institute and create a treasury for the effectual advancement of its purposes.

SECTION VIII. The General Synod shall apply all their powers, their prayers and their means, towards the prevention of schisms among us, to be sedulously and incessantly regardful of the circumstances of the times, and of every casual rise and progress of unity of sentiment among Christians in general, in order that the blessed opportunities to promote concord and unity, and the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, may not pass by neglected and unavailing.

ARTICLE IV.

The General Synod shall choose, from among their own number, a President and a Secretary; and from among their own number or elsewhere, as soon as it may be necessary, a Treasurer. They shall continue in office until the next succeeding convention. The same person is at all times re-eligible as Secretary or Treasurer; but no one may be elected President more than two conventions in succession, and the same person cannot thereafter be elected for the two successively following conventions.

SECTION I. The President shall act as chairman of the convention. He may make motions, give his opinion, and vote like every other member. With the consent and concurrence of the minister of the place where the convention is held, he shall appoint the several preachers during the convention. He shall subscribe all letters, written advices, resolutions and proceedings of the Synod. In extraordinary cases, and by request of any one of the acknow-

ledged Synods, made known to him in the form of a Synodical or Ministerial resolution, he may call together special conventions of the General Synod. In case the business of the Secretary become too burdensome for one person to execute, he shall, with the concurrence of the Secretary, appoint an assistant Secretary, and make known to him what portions of the labors he ought to undertake.

SECTION II. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the proceedings, write, attest, take care of all the documents and writings, make known the time and place of the convention, through the medium of the public prints, at least three months beforehand, and, in the special or extraordinary cases mentioned in the foregoing section, he shall give written notice thereof to each of the special Synods or Ministeriums.

SECTION III. If the President or Secretary, in the intermediate time between the conventions, depart this life, resign his office, or become incapable of executing the same, the next in office shall take his place and perform his duties; if it be the Treasurer, then the President shall appoint another Treasurer *ad interim* in his stead.

SECTION IV. The Treasurer shall keep account of the receipts and expenditures of the Synod. He shall give receipts for all moneys put into his hands. He shall not pay any moneys out of his hands but by order of the President, attested by the Secretary, in pursuance of a resolution of the Synod to that effect. At every convention of the Synod he shall render account.

ARTICLE V.

The course of business shall be conducted as follows, viz:

1. The deputies shall give personal notice of their arrival to the minister of the place, or if the congregation be destitute of a minister, to any other person appointed by the congregation for the purpose, who shall make known to them their place of residence and the place where the session shall be held.

2. At nine o'clock in the forenoon of the first week-day of the time of convention, the sessions shall begin and be opened with prayer.

3. The President elected by the former convention shall act as Chairman till another President be chosen. In case of his absence, the persons present may, on motion made and seconded, appoint another in his stead.

4. The members shall give in to the Chairman their attestations or certificates. For all the deputies from any one particular Synod, one certificate, by the President and attested by the Secretary of that Synod, shall be deemed sufficient, and all the members of the same Synod shall sit together.

5. If a majority of the deputies of a majority of the Synods attached to the General Synod, be present, the business shall go on. If this proportion be lacking, the members present may, from time to time postpone the session of the convention.

6. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot, on the first day of the session, and so soon as the members shall have given in their certificates.

7. The Proceedings of the former convention shall be read by the Secretary.

8. Hereupon follow the several portions of business according to article III., section for section.

9. Now, other mixed motions may be made, concerning the subjects already discussed, or any other matters that may occur.

10. In conclusion, the General Synod shall appoint, by ballot, the time and place of the next convention; observing, at all times, however, that one convention at least, be held every three years.

ARTICLE VI.

The General Synod may make whatever By-laws they may deem necessary, provided, only, that the said By-laws do not contradict the spirit of the Constitution.

No alteration of this Constitution may be made, except by the consent of two-thirds of the Synods attached to this Convention; an exact copy of the intended alterations to be sent, by the Secretary, to all the Presidents of the District Synods in connection with this body, with the request that they would lay them before their respective Synods for decision. If, at the subsequent meeting of the General Synod, it shall appear from their minutes that two-thirds of the District Synods are in favor of the alterations, they shall accordingly be made.

Signed, October 24th, in the year of our Lord, 1820.

J. GEO. SCHMUCKER,	
GEO. LOCHMAN,	
CHRISTIAN ENDRESS,	
F. W. GEISSENHAINER,	Of Pennsylvania.
H. A. MUHLENBERG,	
CHR. KUNKEL,	
WM. HENSEL,	
PETER STICHTER,	
PH. F. MAYER,	Of New York.
F. C. SCHAEFFER,	
GOTTL. SCHOBER,	Of North Carolina.
PETER SCHMUCKER,	
DANIEL KURTZ,	
D. F. SCHAEFFER,	Of Maryland.
GEO. SCHRYOCK,	

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PARENT EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Parent Education Society held its meeting during the sessions of the General Synod, at 2 o'clock, on the 18th of May, 1866, at Fort Wayne. The President, Dr. S. W. Harkey took the chair. Prayer was offered.

Rev. Dr. H. L. Baugher sent, per Rev. Dr. C. A. Hay, his Report as Corresponding Secretary. After the reading, it was accepted. It was ordered to be modified in respect to a recommendation to dissolve, and adopted as here presented.

REPORT.

Since the movement of the Church in the direction of separate Synodical educational action, inaugurated at the meeting of the General Synod in Dayton, the Parent Education Society retains only its name. Its work is done, and it lives and rejoices in the memory of the past.

In the place of our usual report, it may be profitable briefly to review the operations of the Society from 1835 to the time when it was deprived of the honor of being any longer actively useful.

Within the period indicated, there were sustained by its funds, in different degrees of education, about two hundred young men. The most of these are now actively engaged in the work of the ministry, and in teaching in different parts of the Church, North, South, East and West. Of this number, sixteen have passed away to a better world. Eight or ten have gone into other churches to labor, and perhaps as many have gone into secular avocations. Our Beneficiaries have occupied the most important positions in the church. Four held the position of President in as many colleges. One was a successful teacher of Theology. One is now a distinguished Professor in one of our most flourishing colleges. Some of our largest and most intelligent congregations have chosen a number of them as their pastors.

In surveying the field in which the Society has labored for twenty years, from 1835 to 1855, our beneficiaries are distinguished from other men in the ministry, in nothing except, perhaps, in a higher degree of zeal and laboriousness in the Master's service. Their deficiencies and faults are those

which belong to our common humanity. The objections, therefore, which are made against beneficiary education, to be properly directed, must lie against those who make the selection of the subject, and not against the cause itself.

With this brief review of the past, the undersigned would respectfully present his report.

H. L. BAUGHER.

The Treasurer's Report was next received.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

M. L. Stoever, Treasurer, in account with the Parent Education Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

	Dr.
To balance in Treasury, as per Report, last meeting of General Synod,	$53 00
Collections at General Synod, 1864, at York, Pa.,	220 00
Refunded by A. Sheffer,	100 00
Refunded by J. M. Shober,	100 00
Donation from James Getty, Esq., Baltimore,	250 00
	$723 00

	Cr.
Paid, per order of Society, Rev. Dr. Harkey, for Illinois State University,	$53 00
Refunded money, paid to Gettysburg Committee, as per order of Society,	200 00
Balance in the Treasury,	470 00
	$723 00

Gettysburg, April 28th, 1866.

I have examined the account of Prof. Stoever, Treasurer of the Parent Education Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and found it correct.

F. A. MUHLENBERG, *Auditor.*

Lancaster, Pa., May 1st, 1866.

The report was adopted.

THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED.

The following resolution was offered and passed:

Resolved, That the funds in the hands of the Treasurer be equally divided between Wittenberg College and Illinois State University.

The Society next proceeded to the election of officers, when it was reported that the following were chosen:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President,

S. W. HARKEY, D. D.

Vice-President,

F. GEBHART, Esq.

Recording Secretary,

GEORGE DIEHL, D. D.

Corresponding Secretary,

H. L. BAUGHER, D. D.

Treasurer,

Prof. M. L. STOEVER.

Auditor,

F. A. MUHLENBERG, M. D.

Executive Committee,

C. P. KRAUTH, D. D., S. S. SCHMUCKER, D. D.,
J. A. BROWN, D. D., REV. PROF. F. A. MUHLENBERG,
C. A. HAY, D. D., REV. E. BREIDENBAUGH,
REV. PROF. M. VALENTINE.

Resolved, That we dispense with the anniversary exercises this evening.

Adjourned.

GEORGE DIEHL,
Sec. of P. Ed. Soc.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

FIRST SESSION.

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, assembled in the English Lutheran Church, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, at 2 o'clock, P. M., on the 21st of May, 1866. Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D. D., President, n the chair.

The meeting was opened with prayer, by Rev. P. Raby.

On motion, a committee was appointed to nominate officers for the Society. This committee consisted of Rev. Mr. Officer, Rev. Dr. Passavant, Rev. Dr. Harkey, Dr. Willet, and Hon. Mr. Kugler.

The Report of the Executive Committee was then read by the Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. Z. Senderling, and unanimously adopted, with the exception of the concluding paragraph, referring to the retiring of the Executive Committee. The following extracts from the report were ordered to be inserted in the published Minutes:

REPORT.

THIRTEENTH REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

RESPECTED BRETHREN:

In offering their Thirteenth Report, the Committee feel called upon to render thanksgiving to Almighty God, who has so marvellously preserved the integrity of these United States, and consequently the name of our Society—

The Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States; who has vouchsafed peace again to our distracted country; and who has very mysteriously brought about such grand results, in the glorious emancipation of four millions of bondmen. Our country is now really, absolutely, and, as we believe, permanently, "The land of the free," as it has been and is "the home of the brave."

The grand experiment of an enlightened and Christian Republic has passed through a fiery furnance, heated seven times hotter than ever before; has lived in it, come out of it, and still lives unhurt, to the joy of the whole earth. In God we trusted. To God, the Eternal, be ceaseless praises, honor and glory ascribed.

Your Committee first notice a painful event, which has filled them with deep sorrow; we allude to the sudden and mysterious disappearance of one of our committee, the Rev. Dr. James L. Schock, a beloved, estimable, and worthy co-laborer with us. He has not been heard of since the 29th of October, 1864. We bow submissively to that inscrutable Providence which has bereaved us, and leave the event where it is, enveloped in mystery.

Our Missions in India and Africa are steadily advancing in interest and importance. Our Missionaries have labored faithfully and effectively, and to the extent of their ability. They are doing what they can, and more than they would be obliged to do if there was a greater force in the field. The burdens are too heavy for those dear brethren. One ordained Missionary with his companion is immediately needed in the Palnaud. Two families ought to go there, for the purposes of society, as well as to help to cultivate that extensive and wide field. Another Mission family should go out forthwith to Guntoor, to assist brother Unangst, and occupy the vacant mission house. Two others ought to be sent to Rajahmundry, where there are also two mission houses; and yet another, to Samulcotta, now vacant by the removal of Brother Long to Rajahmundry. Many villages around each station are awakened, and are begging for teachers and schools. A rich and bountiful harvest is ripening throughout the whole extent of our India Mission. Nearly two hundred inquirers are now under instructions. In the Palnaud, Mr. Cully informs us, there are 145, now waiting for the arrival of Bro. Unangst, to be admitted into the Church. Two more families should be sent to Africa, to assist and relieve Brother Kistler. No less than six or seven Missionaries are immediately wanted, and if found, should be appointed. Every letter we receive conveys the prayer, "send us more laborers." This has been the appeal to you Lutherans, from the death bed of Walter Gunn, to that of Wm. E. Snyder, and from that time to this. The appeals come with increasing earnestness, with holy yearning, and travail of soul, "Come over and help us." They sound as if all the harvest was perishing through lack of helpers. Jesus Christ commands you to separate the men for this great work. Then again, some brethren may ask, what of our China Mission, and when are the men to go? Have we not a China Fund, amounting to eight or nine hundred dollars? But we ask, *where* are the men for that inviting field? The response must come from the Churches, Colleges or Seminaries of Learning and Theology. Will it be given? After that terrible baptism of blood, and the wails that have gone over our land over our thousands of young men fallen in the

field of battle, will ye not hear the voice of your God, "separate yourselves, or your sons for the work of the Missionary"? Another baptism of a merciful character, and by the Holy Ghost, has been granted to the churches, to multitudes of families and of young men. God speaks once more, "separate laborers from those thousands of converts, for the distant field."

We would report now specially upon each of our missionary stations.

RAJAHMUNDRY.

We are sorry to announce to you, that Brother Gronning and his family have gone home. Mrs. Gronning's impaired health and her extreme debility, are the reasons which he assigns. For the past two years he has been writing about her feeble state, and soliciting means to send her back to her native land. The means would have been sent by your Committee but for the war pressure, the diminished state of our Treasury, and the high rates of exchange. We had contemplated to send his wife to the Hills, where the German Mission on the coast has a very large house, to which their invalids resort during the hot season. The Missionaries had kindly offered her a place of refuge in their spacious house; but when on the way and only five miles from home, she was attacked a second time with fever. After remaining there two months she was brought home in a palanquin, in a very feeble state. To add to their sorrows and cares their youngest child (the only one in India) was taken ill with fever. This has been, he writes, "the hardest time in my life." The Doctor upon being consulted advised, that Mrs. G. must go to Europe as soon as she is able, but not alone, her husband must go with her. Before their departure, their youngest child was attacked by cholera, and in some twelve hours was a corpse. This last affliction was a most grievous one, and for a while completely unmanned him. "If his mother," he wrote in one of his letters, "could have left, as we desired, before the hot season, all probably would have been right. So all said. But for the Mission's sake we remained." In his letter of 15th September last, he states, "Yesterday, I gave over the charge of the Mission to Mr. Long, and D. V., we intend to leave for Europe by the next steamer, taking the overland route. I cannot write more; our hearts are bleeding; my labor is at an end for the present. Last Sunday 11 persons were baptized, and 40 natives with 7 others, ourselves, Mr. Long, &c., celebrated the Lord's Supper. May the Lord Jesus continue to accomplish his great work here and every where! I have written a short account of this Mission for three years, 1862, 1863, 1864, and the last nine months, ending with September, 1865, sending it to the contributors of our Mission here, and with a little change in words I have transcribed the same in a book which I leave with Mr. Long. I will now send you the original papers, by which you may ascertain the state of the Mission. Meanwhile, looking only at the success of the cause in which I have had the honor to be engaged for so many years, I wish you now, as always, God's rich blessing, and much success in your work. May you be able to send forth many laborers into your harvest, remembering that the kingdom of God does not consist in word, but in power. With a heavy and afflicted heart, I now say,—Farewell, dear Brethren; the Lord Jesus be with you and yours. Yours, sincerely,

"C. W. GRONNING."

We will now endeavor to present a very brief abstract of the above reports, which are four in number, embracing three years and nine months. Each Report has appended to it an account of donations by the friends of the Mission in Rajahmundry, and also of the expenditure of the same.

1. Report for Dec. 31st, 1862.—"The design of these reports is to show the donors how their contributions and donations have been spent, and how the Mission is prospering." During the last nine or ten years, four Brahmins had been employed as Telugu teachers in various villages, but as they made very little progress in teaching the children, they were dismissed, and the schools were closed at the end of April. The English school was almost in a state of dissolution, having only 25 scholars, of whom only a few could read a little. The number of scholars, however, has increased to 45, of whom the majority learn only Telugu. It was continued, because it seemed to afford a good opportunity of teaching the fundamental truths of our holy religion, and of forming a connecting link between the people and the Mission. A more important and promising branch of the Mission is the girls' and boys' boarding school, of whom there are four of each sex. In connection with the boys' school is the girls' day school. It is gratifying to see thirty little girls, who seem to be anxious to learn, listening attentively to the narration of stories from the Bible, some of which they commit to memory. The colporteur Joseph, who commenced his work about eight months ago, has sold not a few copies of the Gospels, and sent the funds to the Madras Bible Society. The people of the district have received numerous tracts and books gratuitously. Telugu service is held twice every Sunday. The very poor of the place come twice a week, and after having heard the word of God, a small sum is given each, by way of alms. There are four candidates for baptism, who appear to be very sincere. God willing, they may be soon admitted into the congregation. "Our work," he says, "is uphill work, but we know and believe that the Disposer of all events has his divine and secret plan, which he will carry out in due time." "Faithful is he that has called us, he will do it." Financial account. Local donations for the Mission, 677 Rupees. With this he paid towards colporteur, teachers, boarding children and day scholars, 472 Rupees; and to Mr. Cully, 200 Rupees. On the opposite page he gives an account of the poor fund, what he received and paid out for the benefit of the poor. Every donor's name and gift are carefully and accurately noted down, whilst the same particularity and correctness reach the whole expenditure.

2. Report for 1863.—"With hope and fear," says Brother Gronning, "I entered upon the work of this Mission, at the beginning of the year, concluding from past experience I had much reason to hope for some little success, relying on the promise, "My word shall not return unto me void." However, the fear of falling short of the most necessary funds, on account of the unhappy war in America, and consequently of performing the work of the Lord deficiently, could not be avoided. But I am thankful to say, that the barrel of meal has not wasted; neither did the cruse of oil fail." During the past year I had the privilege of admitting four adults into our congregation, who, as far as man can judge seem to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour, by a consistent conduct." He speaks of several other persons

from other villages who are sincere inquirers, and who express desires of joining the church of Christ. Two families in R. and in another village are preparing themselves for admittance. In the Telugu schools 60 boys were on the list. A new Telugu school was opened in Dorolaishwarum with 25 scholars. In the boarding school are 6 boys and three girls. The girls, day school had been steadily increasing. A very strict economy is observed in all fiscal matters. The catechist and colporteur have been selling and distributing books and tracts in many villages, and preaching the word of the cross according to their grace and ability. "I have tried," he states, "to do the same in some villages, and here in the Bazaar. May God give the increase!"

He received from different persons for the Mission, 1436 Rupees; and expended 1254 Rupees. This iucludes 254 Rupees paid for teachers, and 600 Rupees paid for the Palnaud Mission, exclusive of 8 teachers. The boarders and girls' day school cost 400 Rupees. The Poor Fund amounted to 225 Rs. He expended 238 Rupees.—The recipients of these alms were poor travelers, a poor widow, 30 poor heathens, and 30 poor persons who on new year's day received pieces of cloth.

3. Report for 1864.—"Another year, with its sorrows and joys, trials and successes, is closing upon us. When we look forward, a year appears like a book whose contents are unknown to us, more especially to a Christian Missionary among the heathen. The mysterious year book contains always four questions, which the Author and preserver of our lives is solving according to his all-wise providence and the guidance of his Holy Spirit. 1st. Have we sufficient grace and wisdom to be able ministers of the new covenant, meeting the wants of the people, laboring under the influence of the Holy Spirit? 2nd. Will our feeble efforts be crowned with success? 3d. Will God keep us in health and strength to carry on the work? 4th. In what way will he provide for our temporal wants? To these questions he gives answers; which, however, are too lengthy for this report." He states the following facts: A catechist and colporteur have been engaged in visiting the Bazaar and surrounding villages, from time to time, reading to the people and addressing them. During the last year Brother Gronning visited nearly 50 villages. In all we distributed copies of the Gospel and tracts. The whole number that are entirely supported by the Mission amount to 50 sometimes 60 persons. The expenditure, including the salaries of teachers, is about 40 Rupees per month. During the year a greater number than before applied, and received baptism. Brother Gronning passes his lamentations over the war in America, especially as it prevented a great many from contributing to the cause of the Prince of Peace; but still he gratefully acknowledges that some have contributed the necessary funds for their present wants. He has opened a happier year than the king of his fatherland, Denmark. "May we all feel rich in Him who became poor for us!"

4. Report for 1865.—Brother Gronning dwells here upon his afflictions and sore bereavement. His wife had been called upon to make a sacrifice, that of her youngest son, before she could leave the Mission field, into which she had entered 15 years ago. He feels very thankful to all kind friends in India and elsewhere, who have enabled him to support a teacher in the Pal-

naud for two years and a half, at 600 Rupees per annum, and for their kind assistance in helping him to pay his expenses home. The English-Telugu school has suffered somewhat from the death of the Telugu teacher, and the removal of the English teacher who had entered the Police Department. There are from 50 to 60 pupils in the girls' school, whose poverty requires a monthly distribution of alms. In three other villages there are schools containing about 50 scholars. The most promising circumstances in this Mission are the inquirers who come in now and then to Rajahmundry, to hear the Gospel, desiring baptism. There have been 34 persons admitted by the ordinance of baptism, of whom 20 are adults, and 14 are children, of the ages of 12, 10 and 6 years.

In taking leave of this beloved Missionary, your Committee feel constrained to pay a passing tribute to his character. We have regarded him as a most conscientious and faithful servant of God, a true Missionary of the cross of Jesus Christ, a man of enlarged views, of integrity of purpose, of rich experience, and of an humble and self-denying spirit. He was always intent upon his Mission work, delighting in it, wisely arranging and faithfully carrying out his plans, always looking to the Great Lord of the vineyard for counsel and success. He has been long in the field—nearly twenty years. He would have tarried longer there, but for the stern necessity which called him away—he had to accompany his poor and afflicted wife home to their native land. The Lord bless and reward them, with restored health, with many happy years, and finally, at life's closing scene, with a calm and peaceful end!

The successor of Brother Gronning, is Rev. Adam Long, recently of Samulcotta. In a letter dated 10th of last January, he states that he took charge of this station on the 19th of last September. In making this removal he did not abandon his former field, but has visited it and Cocanada four times. He had also visited two out stations, distant from this place, respectively, 10 and 20 miles. In these places, as well as in Samulcotta, houses of worship are needed. "We had hoped to commence building," he says, "immediately in the latter place, but our friends, I fear, will not justify our doing so." The work in Rajahmundry has been carried on, essentially, in all respects, as it was previous to his taking charge of this Station. A few more boarders have been received. At Samulcotta, on the 17th December, ult., he baptized three adults, and two children. At Rajahmundry on the 24th, 8 adults and 1 child. In a letter dated January 28th, ult., he takes a retrospective view of the field in which the Lord has permitted him to labor. Services were held every Sabbath for Christians, and until he came to Rajahmundry, he preached every Sunday evening in Peddapoor. The Lord's Supper was celebrated three times in Samulcotta, and once in Rajahmundry. Cocanada was visited once a week, on the regular market day. He made three tours during the year, on which he visited 104 towns and villages. He and a colporteur circulated in these and other villages 3,940 tracts or small books. They also distributed 861 Scripture portions, and 32 New Testaments, also 2 Bibles. All these were in the vernacular tongue; besides these they sold a number of English Scriptures, and of other books.

The following is a brief statistical view of the Missions of Samulcotta and Rajahmundry:

SAMULCOTTA.—Congregation 1; Communicants 16; Baptized children 14; Colporteur 1; School 1.

RAJAHMUNDRY.—Congregation 1; Communicants 47; Adults Baptized, (not communicants) 14; Children Baptized 31;—Total 92. Adults were Baptized during the year 29; and Children 15;—Total during the year 44. Catechists 2, one employed by the Madras Bible Society. Boys' schools 2; Girls' school 1; Teachers 4—male 3, female 1. Boarding Scholars 6; Colporteur 1.

Brother Long, in concluding, remarks, "that these figures do not indicate the work in its whole extent." The Committee would add, that considering the consecutive labor, in this Mission field, of Messrs. Valeth, Gronning and Heise, of Heyer, Cutter and Long, then again of Gronning, and now of Long, the grand total of results from the aggressive work of all these laborers, upon thousands, yes, ten thousands of minds, can never be told nor estimated in this world.

GUNTOOR.

The Committee continue to receive cheering accounts from this Mission. There is a mixture of complaints, occasionally in the letters of our Missionary, which respect the restraints, necessarily imposed upon him, touching the extension of their work, from the want of adequate funds, and more laborers. Brother Unangst writes under date of 8th January last, as follows: "It gives me great pleasure to say, that 64 of our native christians here partook of the Lord's supper last evening, together with 4 from Rajahmundry, and 2 from Ellore. I also had the pleasure of baptizing three adults, yesterday morning. These added to the 71 mentioned in my report make 74 communing members at present belonging to our congregation. In addition to the number of inquirers reported for this field, I have reason to believe that there are many others, scattered among the different villages, whom I have not had time to visit. A reinforcement of Missionaries would be a great blessing to these poor people; for then our work would be so distributed as to enable us to work more effectually. Please, therefore, to send them; and the Lord will furnish the means for their support."

STATISTICS, 1865.—Congregation 1; Communing members 71; Adults Baptized during the year 10; Infants Baptized during the year 10; baptized prior to 1865, 288; Telugu schools 7; Teachers 6; Boys 79; Girls 44; Colporteur 1; Inquirers 60.

The English vernacular school has been closed from want of funds; hence our Brother's complaints. Mr. Unangst informs us that the distribution of tracts and of the Holy Scriptures has been vigorously prosecuted. The Colporteur's report shows that in 7 months 850 tracts have been circulated. Three-fourths of these were of 2 and 4 pages each; 35 copies of the Old Testament in Telugu have been sold, and 150 Gospels distributed gratuitously among the people. The Colporteur's journal, which has been sent to us, informs us how these books are generally received, viz: for the purpose of knowing the truth.

THE PALNAUD.

Since the return of Brother Gronning to Europe, this has been under the supervision of Mr. Unangst. Mr. R. E. Cully, who is a very worthy man, and who appears deeply interested in the cause of Jesus Christ, is head

teacher in the Palnaud, and as such, has the supervision of all the schools, and a sort of sub-supervision over the congregations. In one of his last letters he thus alludes to the response given last summer, by the churches and Sunday-schools, to our appeal in his behalf, and to the action of your Committee. "You can but faintly conceive the delight and thankfulness with which your very kind letter was received and read by us. The kind wishes, the expressions of Christian love and sympathy, and the favorable resolutions of the Committee, respecting my wants, have all so deeply impressed us, that we were at once constrained to lift up our hearts in grateful praise to our gracious God above," &c. He speaks of the transfer of the Mission to the supervision of Rev. Mr. Unangst. He refers with a sorrowing heart to the afflictions in Brother Gronning's family, which have caused his departure from the Mission field. In his report of 16th October last, he gives us an account of the Mission agents, the people of their congregations, the children of their schools, and of the heathen around them. But the length of this report forbids even an abstract here.

STATISTICS, 1865.—Communing members 125; Children 150, (whole number 275;) Telugu schools 7; Teachers 7; Scholars 60; Boys 50, Girls 10; Inquirers 145; Colporteurs 2.

AFRICAN MISSION.

Permit us now to turn your attention to another interesting and successful Mission of our church. We say, as a learned and worthy brother of the faith once said to the Secretary, respecting our India Mission: "Somebody must be praying for this Mission." For, during its brief history, other and contiguous missions have arisen and disappeared. The uniform testimony of all our Missionaries in Africa has been strong in its favor. Brother Kistler is full of praises in its behalf; so much so, that he fears the charge of egotism. But let me refer you to an address of Hon. Abraham Hanson, Commissioner and Consul General of the United States to Liberia, delivered by him before the Forty-ninth meeting of the American Colonization Society, (in the First Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C.,) on the 16th of last January. This able address is in the African Repository for March, 1866. Mr. Hanson speaks thus: "The Muhlenberg or Lutheran Mission, on the St. Paul's river, is, according to my humble opinion, moving in a manner, and in a direction, which promises more general, gratifying, important, and permanent results than can be readily conceived or set forth. The indefatigable Missionary, Rev. Mr. Kistler, bestows his labors chiefly upon re-captured or liberated Africans, and other aborigines, who are instructed in manual labor, in a knowledge of letters, and in the doctrines of the Christian religion." Mr. Kistler, in one of his last letters, states that "the farm school" is admired by many, if not by all visitors. In a letter dated Muhlenberg, Augus 17th, 1865, he gives the following exhibit of the Mission, the number of children, and condition of things in general. "There are now," he says, "belonging to the Mission, 41 children—26 boys and 15 girls. There are also 5 girls and 5 boys married, who are living on the reservation, on ten acre lots. There are, therefore, in all who have been at the Mission, 51 persons now there. Besides these, 5 have died at the mission. Of the 51,—23 are members of our infant church. We hold our communion four times a year.

Our preaching, weekly prayer meetings, Sabbath school, and other religious exercises are well attended. The children are making very creditable progress in the school. Three—2 boys and 1 girl are rendering important aid in teaching. Each teaches about half an hour a day. "The Missionary work," continues Mr. Kistler, "is a delightful work. To see forty or fifty youths growing up under our immediate supervision, and one by one forsaking their superstitious notions and their idolatrous habits, and dedicating themselves to the Lord, is most cheering, most delightful." Indeed your Committee would reiterate, so far it is most cheering. But there are lights and shades in the history of every mission. We cannot refrain from expressing our regret, that the founder of this Mission, and the general and financial agent of our Society, felt himself constrained to tender his resignation to the Executive Committee, December 7th, 1864, retiring entirely from the foreign department of our Mission work. At the meeting of the above date, held in Albany, N. Y., "the Committee expressed their great satisfaction with the services of Brother Officer, in connection with the financial agency." They also expressed "their most cordial regret, because of the necessity requiring his presence in another field of labor, invoking the favor of God upon him and his efforts in future, for the honor of Jesus' name." Brother Officer reported, that there was paid on the Altemus Legacy into the African Fund, $557 15. Besides this, a note for $300, due October 27th, 1865, was given by Mr. Nicholas Altemus, of Indiana Co., Pa., executor of the Will of the late Adam Altemus. These sums make six-sevenths of the Altemus Legacy of $1000, bequeathed to the African Mission, or the six shares that were voluntarily released by the heirs who were of age, and who could, under the laws of Pennsylvania, have claimed the money.

The Committee would also report the return of Brother H. Heigerd from this Mission, on account of ill health. He was entirely prostrated in body, unable to continue his work in the Mission, where he had labored so faithfully and successfully. Nothing could save him but a return to this country. He arrived in New York, December 11th, 1864. His wife had preceded him to the same place, where she has since died. Mr. Heigerd has lately written us that his health is now good. He has a conditional appointment to Africa, but has not yet accepted it. We have met with another dark and mysterious providence in the early failure of the health of Brother Rice and his companion. His will was good, his love for his work true, but his frail constitution very soon gave way, under that withering climate which is so fatal to the white man. He landed in New York on the 26th of last July. He was just seven months and one week in the Mission service. In consequence of the want of laborers, Brother Kistler employed a Miss Mary Daoney as teacher, who came well recommended by Hon. Mr. James and Prof. Blagden. She labored acceptably some three months, and then died. A Mrs. Burns, widow of the well-known Bp. Burns, of Liberia, succeeded her; who is very competent as teacher, &c., and is very acceptable in her services. A young man by the name of Jacobs, lately from the Presbyterian Mission, has joined Brother Kistler's force, who is destined to be a valuable helper in the work for which he is preparing. We would inform the brethren that the African available fund is now overdrawn, by nearly $500; which must be

taken out of the $1000 invested. The returning Missionaries, and a heavy shipment of Goods to Africa, sent off on the 24th of last March, have made heavy drafts upon our treasury. Brethren, a native force is now in this Mission in due course of preparation, which, through God's blessing, will be a mighty power for good in that dark land. We depend upon you, to say whether the legitimate results now anticipated, and ardently desired, shall be realized or not. To be realized, you must immediately and liberally lift subscriptions, and send out a reinforcement forthwith. "Oh," says Mr. Hanson, to whom I have referred, "Oh, for a host of honest, upright, earnest, devoted, self-sacrificing, well-instructed men, to go forth, and enter this rich, ripe field!"

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts,	$19,340 91
Disbursements,	15,743 59
Balance in Treasury,	$3,597 32

AFRICAN FUND.

Receipts,	$6,323 58
Paid out,	5,787 51
Balance in Treasury,	$536 07

In concluding their report, the Executive Committee return into your hands the sacred trusts which you have long since committed to their charge. Thanking you for your continued and unbroken confidence in us, thinking that we have borne our share of the burdens in this department of the great work of our beloved Church, and believing that there are other and younger brethren that will serve you as well, we feel admonished to retire from the Executive department of our Foreign Mission. We assure you, dear brethern, that we shall never lose sight of its interests, never cease to pray for its permanency, enlargement, and saving power in the conversion of very many of the benighted heathen. May the rich blessing of the Lord of the harvest rest upon the Society, upon its work, its committee, and all its laborers! And finally, may the baptism of the Holy Spirit be vouchsafed to the churches!

Executive Committee,
J. Z. SENDERLING,
HENRY N. POHLMAN,
WM. N. SCHOLL,
ANDREW WETZEL.

GREATER INTEREST IN FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The following resolution was proposed, and, after having been discussed at some length, the further consideration of it was postponed until the evening session:

Resolved, That we feel it to be our religious duty to make more earnest efforts in our several spheres to secure an increased interest throughout our church in the work of Foreign Missions.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The nominating committee reported the following names:

President,

REV. F. W. CONRAD, D. D.

Vice-Presidents,

REV. W. J. MANN, D. D., REV. J. A. SEISS, D. D.,
REV. S. S. SCHMUCKER, D. D.

Recording Secretary,

REV. CHARLES A. HAY, D. D,

Corresponding Secretary,

REV. LUTHER E. ALBERT,

Treasurer,

MR. MARTIN BUEHLER.

Auditors,

MR. C. F. NORTON. MR. L. L. HOUPT.

Executive Committee,

REV. E. GREENWALD, D. D., *President,* REV. A. C. WEDEKIND,
" L. E. ALBERT, *Cor. Secretary,* " J. E. GRAEFF,
MR. G. P. OCKERSHAUSEN.

The above nominations, were unanimously confirmed.

THANKS TO THE RETIRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Thereupon it was

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Society are hereby tendered to the retiring Executive Committee, for their long continued and efficient labors in the department of Foreign Missions in our Church.

THANKS AND TESTIMONIAL TO CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Whereas, Our excellent Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. Z. Senderling, who has so long and faithfully served the cause of Foreign Missions in our Church, without compensation, has now resigned and is about to retire from the work; therefore,

Resolved, That we tender him our most sincere thanks for his long and faithful services;

Resolved, That we hereby instruct the Executive Committee to present to our venerable Secretary $200, as a testimonial of our high regard.

THE WHOLE CHURCH INVITED TO CO-OPERATE.

After an animated discussion, the following was adopted:

Resolved, That we earnestly and affectionately invite the entire Lutheran Church in the United States, to unite with us in the great and blessed work of Foreign Missions.

MISSIONARY PERIODICAL.

The following resolution was then presented:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be and are hereby requested to consult wth the Executive Committee of the Home Missionary Society, with reference to the publication of a monthly pamphlet, devoted to Missionary intelligence and the cause of missions of our Church.

Pending the discussion, the Society adjourned.
Closed with prayer by Rev. E. W. Hutter.

ANNIVERSARY.

Addresses were delivered in the evening by Rev. Messrs. Senderling, Officer, McCron, Van Alstine and Harkey; after which an appeal was made to the congregation, when the following contributions were made:

CONTRIBUTIONS TO TREASURY.

Rev. D. McCron contributed $10, and other friends $15, to constitute Mrs. Conger a Life-member of the Society. Rev. Mr. Van Alstine gave $25, to make Mrs. Van Alstine a Life-member. A. Gebhart, Esq., constituted Rev. M. Officer and Rev. L. A. Gotwald, Life-members, by the payment of $50. M. Buehler, Esq., for Life-membership of Mrs. E. Rudisill, $25. A friend, for Life-membership of Rev. Dr. Harkey, $25; A friend, making Rev. Dr. Harrison a Life-member, $25; W.

S. Plumer, Esq., a Life-membership for Rev. J. B. Baltzly, $25; sundry friends, to make Rev. Dr. Conrad a Life-member, $25; St. Paul's Sunday-School, Washington City, $10, and other friends $15, Life-membership for Rev. E. W. Hutter; A. Hummel, Esq., constituting Mrs. Hummel Life-member, $25; E. Rudisill, Esq., contributed $2; Mr. J. Shawber, $15; Rev. M. W. Hamma, $1; Mr. Rudisill, $2; Rev. Dr. Sell, $10; Mr. J. G. Myer, $2; Mr. T. N. Kurtz, $5; Mr. I. Cline, $1; Mr. E. Bastic, $1; Rev. R. Smith, $1; Mr. C. Lowe, $5; Rev. J. B. Baltzly, $1; E. B. Baltzly, $1; Rev. A. Axline, $1; Rev. A. Wieting, $25; Rev. L. M. Kuhns, $1; Mr. Dan'l Sprecher, $5; Mrs. Grove, $2; Rev. A. A. Trimper, $1; Mr. I. Keller, $1; Rev. P. Raby, $1; Rev. P. Willard, $1; Mr. D. K. Ramey, $1; a friend of Missions, $5; Rev. J. Tomlinson, $1; Rev. A. H. Waters, $1; Rev. S. A. Holman, $1; I. Sulger, Esq., $1; Mr. T. Walter, 2; and sundry contributions and collections, $77 90. Total, $449 90.

SECOND SESSION.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Tuesday, May 22,

On the afternoon of Tuesday, May 22d, after the adjournment of the Home Missionary Society, the Society reassembled, and proceeded to transact the remainder of its business.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. Lefler.

The Minutes of the preceding Session, were read and approved.

LETTER FROM REV. MR. UNANGST.

A letter, just received from Rev. Unangst, missionary in India, was read by the Corresponding Secretary.

MISSIONARY PERIODICAL.

The resolution under discussion when the Society adjourned yesterday, was now taken up and adopted.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

It was also

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be authorized to seek out and employ an efficient Financial Secretary, whose whole time shall be given to the financial department of the Mission work, and the management of the Mission Journal, if such a publication be established.

DECEASED MISSIONARIES.

Rev. Messrs. Titus, Kuhns and Senderling were appointed a committee to prepare a minute with reference to the death of Rev. Mr. Long and of Mrs. Gunn, who have served the Society in India.

These papers were subsequently handed in, as follows:

MINUTE ON REV. ADAM LONG.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Minute on the death of Rev. Adam Long respectfully report as follows:

The Rev. Adam Long and his wife, in company with Rev. W. E. Snyder and Rev. E. Unangst and their wives, sailed for India, November 21st, 1857, and entered upon their mission work at Rajahmundry, April 1st, 1858. He subsequently founded a new station at Samulcotta, from which place he again returned to Rajahmundry, September 5th, 1865, to supply the place of Bro. Gronning, who with his wife, on account of the poor health of the latter, had gone home to Germany. Brother Long was engaged in vigorously prosecuting his work and labor of love, up to the 5th of March last, when it pleased the Lord to remove him from his labors, to his rest above; having been about seven months in Rajahmundry, and almost eight years in your service. He was a devoted Missionary, deeply pious, a man of much prayer, always active and at his post of duty. Far and wide he visited the numerous villages around him, scattering the good seed of the word of God, sowing beside all waters. He distributed copiously tracts and small books, along with copies of the New Testament and the Bible. He made impressions upon the minds and hearts of thousands of heathen which will never be forgotten, and which will, we believe, bring forth in God's own time abundance of precious fruit. This death is a sad bereavement to his heart-stricken widow, and to his fatherless children, and a very heavy loss to our India Mission, especially at this juncture of its history. We therefore submit the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we bow in humble submission to this dispensation of Divine Providence, meekly saying, "Even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight."

2. *Resolved*, That we tender to his widow and fatherless children our kind and affectionate condolence, and our prayerful remembrance.

3. *Resolved*, That we sympathize with our missionaries in India in their afflictions, both on account of the loss of a friend and a brother, and on account of the heavy tax upon their toils and cares by this loss.

4. *Resolved*, That the death of Bro. Long, like the death of the lamented Gunn and Snyder, is to be regarded as the voice of God, calling upon us to immediately fill up the ranks of the fallen.

5. *Resolved*, That we assure our surviving missionaries that we will not cease to pray and labor for their preservation, success and re-enforcement, and for the means which are necessary to help them to carry on their mission.

6. *Resolved*, That a copy of this Report and these resolutions be sent to the widow of Bro. Long, and to Bro. Unangst.

J. Z. SENDERLING,
T. T. TITUS,
L. M. KUHNS.

FORT WAYNE, May 23d, 1866.

MINUTE ON MRS. LORENA GUNN.

It becomes the sad duty of this Society to chronicle, at its present meeting, the death of Mrs. Lorena Gunn, the widow of Rev. Walter Gunn, our first missionary to India. Mrs. Gunn died at Springfield, Ohio, November 7th, 1865, after a brief and painful illness, which she bore with great resignation. Her end was full of peace and hope. Her life had been hid with Christ in God, and when the summons came, it was no unwelcome message.

Mrs. Gunn was born in the State of New York, January 17th, 1815. She was confirmed at an early age, and in the spring of 1843 was married to Rev. Mr. Gunn, and sailed with him to India the following November. As a devoted wife and exemplary Christian, she labored among the benighted children of idolatry with much zeal, patience and success till her husband's death in July, 1851. Two years later she returned to America, and settled at Springfield, Ohio. She brought two interesting children with her,—Luther and Ella. The latter died in September, 1863, just as she was blooming into womanhood, and the former fell mortally wounded at the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, June, 1864. Bereft of all her loved ones, Mrs. Gunn endured calmly the terrible blows which laid them low, and with serene faith awaited the hour of her own departure. In view of the above facts, the following resolutions are put on record:

1. *Resolved*, That this Society has heard with sorrow of the death of Mrs. Lorena Gunn, whose services in India, and subsequent deep interest and fervent prayers in behalf of the missionary cause, endeared her to every member of the Society.

2. *Resolved*, That in the strong faith and humble piety of Mrs. Gunn, we have an exemplification of what Divine grace can do for those who yield to its influence.

3. *Resolved*, That the deep waters of affliction through which the deceased passed in her earthly pilgrimage, borne so patiently by her, attest the truth of the Apostle's declaration: "The Lord loveth whom he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth."

4. *Resolved*, That we sincerely sympathize with the surviving sisters and relatives, from whom the Lord has removed one so well beloved, and so worthy of their affection; and we will unite with them in cherishing her memory and imitating her piety.

T. T. TITUS
L. M. KUHNS.
J. Z. SENDERLING.

SYMPATHY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES.

Resolved, That this Society express, at this juncture, its sincere sympathy for our remaining missionaries in India and Africa, and that we will continue to pray for them, that the Head of the Church may comfort and support them in their trials, and grant them continued success.

RE-ENFORCEMENT OF INDIA MISSION.

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to re-enforce our mission in India, and to provide men and means without delay.

The following report was presented.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

FORT WAYNE, IND., May 23d, 1866.

The Committee, appointed to audit the Report of the Treasurer of the Foreign Missionary Society, respectfully report that they have examined the same and found it correct; showing a balance in the General Fund of three thousand, five hundred and ninety-seven dollars, and thirty-two cents, ($3597.32); and in the African Fund, five hundred and thirty-six dollars, and seven cents, ($536.07); in all, four thousand, one hundred and thirty-three dollars, and thirty-nine cents, ($4133.39.)

C. F. NORTON,
LEWIS L. HOUPT. } *Aud. Com.*

RECAPITULATION.

INDIA MISSION.—Balance on hand from last report,	$3137.91	
CHINESE MISSION.— " " " "	870.15	
		$4008.06
INDIA MISSION.—Receipts from May, 1864, to May, 1866,	$15110.55	
CHINESE MISSION.— " " "	222.30	
		$15332.85
AFRICAN MISSION.—Balance on hand from last report,	$3143.81	
" " Receipts from May, 1864, to May, 1866,	3179.77	
		$6323.58

Adjourned.

Closed with prayer by Rev. C. L. Ehrenfeld.

CHARLES A. HAY,
Rec. Sec. of For. Mis. Soc.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF

The Evangelical Lutheran Church

IN THE UNITED STATES.

(As amended in 1841.)

ARTICLE I. The name of this Society shall be "THE FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE UNITED STATES;" and shall embrace all churches and individuals who may comply with the conditions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Society is to promote the Foreign Missionary spirit, and to assist in extending the knowledge of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, throughout the habitable world.

ARTICLE III. Any person may become a member of this Society, by the annual payment of one dollar or more; the payment of twenty-five dollars shall constitute him or her a member for life. Honorary members may be elected by the Society at the regular meetings.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, an Executive Committee of five, a Recording and a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer and two Auditors, and such other officers as shall from time to time be found necessary; all of whom shall continue in office until others are chosen. All officers shall be elected at the regular meetings of the Society, at which nine members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V. It shall be the duty of the President, and, in his absence, of the oldest Vice-President present, to preside at all meetings of the Society, and to perform such other official acts as shall at any time be assigned him by the Society.

ARTICLE VI. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of all the proceedings, and to notify the meetings of the Society at the call of the President.

ARTICLE VII. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct and superintend the correspondence of the Society, and of the Executive Committee, of which he shall be an *ex officio* member.

ARTICLE VIII. The Treasurer shall take charge of the Society's funds, and shall keep for the Society all moneys, notes, bonds, and other evidences of property; and shall pay out money only by order of the Executive Committee, taking proper vouchers for all moneys paid out, and keeping an accurate account of the Society's receipts and expenditures. He shall make a full report to the Society at each regular meeting, properly audited, of the receipts and expenditures, and he shall also make a quarterly exhibition of the state of the funds to the Executive Committee; and, whenever called upon by the Executive Committee, he shall exhibit his books, accounts, vouchers, and other evidences of property. He may be required by the Executive Committee to give bonds for the faithful execution of his trust.

ARTICLE IX. The Auditors shall examine the books and vouchers of the Treasurer annually, and if they shall find his accounts correctly kept and well vouched, they shall give a certificate accordingly, which certificate they shall enter in full in the Treasurer's book, and cause a duplicate to be transmitted to the Society, with the Treasurer's account or regular report.

ARTICLE X. The Executive Committee shall have the charge and management of the various interests and operations of the Society, taking all proper measures to excite and cherish a Foreign Missionary spirit. They shall endeavor to procure suitable missionaries; to encourage theological students to devote themselves to the work of Foreign Missions; to bring all the churches, by auxiliary societies and otherwise, to contribute liberally and regularly to the Foreign Missionary cause; to direct the Secretary and Treasurer in the performance of their duties; to appoint such other local or travelling agents as may be necessary to the vigorous prosecution of the business intrusted to them; and to report to the Society at each of its meetings a full account of their proceedings. They shall meet as often as necessary, and three of their number shall constitute a quorum at any regular meeting. They may adopt any By-Laws not inconsistent with the Constitution of this Society.

ARTICLE XI. The meetings of this Society shall be held annually at such time and place as they may fix upon.

ARTICLE XII. Any Society may become auxiliary to this Society, by adopting the general principles of this Constitution, and resolving to co-operate with them; and the officers of auxiliary societies shall be *ex officio* members of the Parent Society.

ARTICLE XIII. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; the proposed alteration either having been recommended by the Executive Committee, or having been submitted to the Society at a previous meeting.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Home Missionary Society of the General Synod assembled in the Lutheran Church under the pastoral care of Rev. Wm. P. Ruthrauff, at Fort Wayne, Ind., at 2 o clock, May 22, 1866.

In the absence of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents, Rev. Dr. Harkey, took the chair, and the meeting was opened with appropriate religious exercises.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

After the reading of the Minutes, a Committee was appointed to nominate officers.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The report of the Executive Committee was thereupon presented, as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

In presenting their Ninth Report, the Executive Committee would acknowledge the goodness of God as displayed towards our Mission work during the past two years. Impressed with the necessity of a General Superintendent of Missions, as recommended, we were fortunate in securing the services of Rev. M. Officer, so well and favorably known to the Church as most eminently qualified for this work; who entered upon its duties November 1st, 1864, and has continued until the present.

The subjoined is an exhibit of our operations:

Item 1*st. Synods co-operating with the Society, and the Proportion they constitute of the General Synod.*

The following Synods have been in active co-operation with the Society during the past two years, viz.: Synod of Maryland, West Pennsylvania, Wittenberg, East Ohio, Melanchthon, East Pennsylvania, Olive Branch, Northern Indiana, Iowa, and Miami. Thirty dollars were contributed by the Synod of Kentucky, recently disbanded. These constitute about one-third of the General Synod.

Item 2d. The Amount of Funds received in 1864 *and* 1865.

From the Synod of Maryland, $548.00; West Pennsylvania, $603.69; Miami, $83.00; Wittenberg, $307.16; East Ohio, $666.00; Melanchthon, $100.00; East Pennsylvania, $800.00; Northern Indiana, 76.15; Olive Branch, $100.90; Iowa, $20.65. Total, $3305.55. Amount collected by the General Superintendent, $1876.74. Amount received from missionaries, $149.71.

Item 3d. The Results of the Society's Operations.

Whole number of Missionaries assisted, 42. Number withdrawn, 21. Of this number, a larger proportion withdrew because their congregations became self-sustaining, some removed into other fields of labor, and several were discontinued. None have died. Number at present on the funds, 21, as follows; Rev. J. H. Brown, Alliance, Ohio; Rev. P. J. Bell, New Castle, Ind.; Rev. R. F. Delo, Elkhart, Ind.; Rev. S. P. Harrington, Monrovia, Kansas; Rev. A. M. Geiger, Des Moines, Iowa; Rev. E. Miller, Springfield, Ills.; Rev. H. I. Watkins, Canal Dover, Ohio; Rev. J. F. Scherer, Mount Vernon, Ohio; Rev. H. H. Hottsgreve, Herman, Mo.; Rev. J. H. Bradley, South Baltimore Mission; Rev. H. M. Brewer, Dongola, Ills.; Rev. J. Henderson, Jarvis, Ind.; Rev. C. F. Heyer, New Ulm, Minn.; Rev. J. Wolf, Sand Creek, Minn.; Rev. F. W. Hoffmann, Still Water, Washington County, Minn.; Rev. A. Kuhn, Cottage Grove, Minn.; Rev. John Ossea, Hennepin County, Minn.; Rev. L. Emmel, Crow River, Minn.; Rev. Bruns, Fuchison, McLeod County, Minn.; Rev. R. Weise, La Seur County, Minn.; Rev. F. Reitz, Minn.: making in Minnesota nine missionaries. Number of congregations organized, 10; number of churches built, 17; whole number of members added, 790; infant baptisms, 615; number of catechumens reported, 457; number of Sabbath-Schools, 42; number of scholars, 2807.

Item 4th. The Prospects of the Field.

We find the prospects of the field such as to offer increased demand for mission work; more especially the *Great West.* The sections we regard as most important for missionary effort, and more urgently calling for it, are Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota. In each of these States there is a number of important cities—centres of influence, demanding increased attention; such as Jefferson City, Hannibal, Macon City, St. Louis, Sedalia, &c., in Missouri; Quincy, Ills., &c.; and other equally important points not so well known to the committee.

Item 5th. The Difficulties attending the Work.

These are the following: viz.: (A.) *Want of suitable men.* The Committee have been unable to find suitable men to supply all the important points presenting themselves, though they have spared no proper efforts to obtain them. There has been an unusual number of prominent places destitute and demanding supplies; and new fields, most promising, have presented themselves. The large number of important places in the Eastern churches has also had its influence in increasing the difficulties of the Executive Committee in obtaining proper persons to carry on their work. (B.) *The want of co-operation with the Home Missionary Society.* As will be seen by reference to the number of Synods co-operating with us, growing out of the general tendency to *isolation* and *separate synodical action*, the operations of the Society have been greatly restricted, and its results necessarily curtailed.

Item 6th. Recommendations.

In consequence of the tendency alluded to in the Church, the Committee, after much anxious thought and consideration, are led (1) to *propose* to the Society the dissolution of the organization, and the distribution of the existing missions among the several district Synods. But if this proposition should not be favorably entertained, then (2) we would *recommend* that the Constitution of the Society be so altered as to limit its membership to those actually co-operating with it, together with such other amendments as will make it embrace several important provisions heretofore authorized by resolutions.

May the Great Head of the Church smile upon the Society, and bless its efforts for the advancement of his kingdom!

Respectfully submitted.

J. G. MORRIS, *President.* H. BISHOP, *Cor. Sec'y.*

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The nominating Committee reported the following names:

President,
REV. S. S. SCHMUCKER, D.D.

Vice Presidents,

REV. S. W. HARKEY, D.D.,	CHARLES KUGLER, ESQ.,
" E. GREENWALD, D.D.,	ALEXANDER GEBHART, ESQ.,
" C. A. HAY, D.D.,	HENRY SAXTON, ESQ.

Recording Secretary,
REV. J. H. HECK.

Corresponding Secretary,
REV. H. BISHOP.

Treasurer,
PETER KEPHART, ESQ.

Executive Committee,

REV. J. G. MORRIS, D.D.,	PETER KEPHART, ESQ.,
" H. BISHOP,	T. NEWTON KURTZ, ESQ.,
" C. A. STORK,	REV. G. H. BRANDAU.

These nominations were confirmed.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT RECEIVED.

The Treasurer's Account was presented. It was ordered that an abstract thereof be printed. The Report was then referred to an auditing committee, consisting of D. A. Buehler, Esq., Rev. J. G. Butler, and Mr. A. S. Pratt.

ABSTRACT.

The Treasurer, Mr. G. W. Leisenring, received from May 17th, 1864, to May 1st, 1866, as follows:

From different Synods co-operating with us, the sum of	$3308.87	
From Rev. M. Officer, General Agent, as collected by him	1876.74	
From the sundry Congregations, Missions and Individuals	515.32	
From former Treasurer, J. R. Drege, Esq	3689.39	
Total Receipts		$9390.32
The Treasurer paid out during the same time to Missionaries, &c., per orders		$6832.74
Balance in the Treasury, May 1st, 1866		$2557.58

Appropriations made by the Executive Committee, and falling due between May 1st, 1866 and June 1st, 1867, amount to $2,662.50.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT DISPOSED OF.

The report of the Executive Committee was read, and the first five items were adopted. It was

Resolved, That the first part of Item 6th, proposing the dissolution of the Society, be not concurred in; and that the second part, from "We would recommend that the Constitution of the Society be so altered," etc., be adopted.

AMENDED CONSTITUTION ADOPTED.

An amended Constitution was offered for consideration: It was adopted, and ordered to be printed with the proceedings. [It succeeds these Minutes.]

REPORT TO BE PRINTED.

Resolved, That the Report of the Executive Committee be published in the Minutes of the General Synod.

REGULATIONS FOR ANNIVERSARY.

Resolved, That one hour be allowed for speaking at the anniversary meeting this evening, and that the speakers be severally limited to fifteen minutes.

LETTER ON KANSAS AFFAIRS.

A communication on missionary affairs in Kansas was referred to the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Report of the Auditing Committee was submitted, received and adopted.

The Committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's Account, have discharged the duty assigned them, having carefully examined and compared the vouchers placed in their hands. We find the account correct, and the payments sustained by vouchers, except the amounts paid to Rev. J. M. Frey, $80; Rev. A. M. Tanner, $50; and Rev. C. F. Heyer, $300. We find no vouchers for these items, but have no doubt the sums mentioned were paid out. The account shows a balance in the hands of the Treasurer, May 1st, 1866, of $2557.58.

D. A. BUEHLER,
A. S. PRATT,
J. G. BUTLER.

Adjourned.

Prayer by Rev. E. Breidenbaugh.

ANNIVERSARY.

The congregation united in singing the 895th hymn. The 35th chapter of Isaiah was read and prayer offered by Rev. M. W. Hamma.

Animated addresses were then delivered by Rev. Messrs. R. Hill, H. W. Kuhns, J. A. Kunkelman, and J. G. Butler.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

A collection was then taken up amounting to $275. The following persons were made life members by the payment of $25 each, by the persons whose names are annexed: General U. S. Grant, by A. Wieting; Sec. of Treas. McCulloch, by Dr. E. Greenwald, Mr. A. S. Pratt and others; Rev. H. W. Kuhns, by Prof. L. Sternberg, Rev. J. Evans, Dr. C. A. Hay, I. Zeh, M.D., and Mr. Lutz; Rev. J. G. Butler, by Rev. P. Raby, Hon. C. Kugler, Dr. I. Zeh, and Messrs. Wilhelm and Bennet; Rev. J. A. Kunkelman, by Thos. Lane; Mrs. Kunkelman, by John Ohr, Esq.; Rev. Mrs. J. B. Baltzly, by Thomas Walters; Gen. O. O. Howard, by H. S. Boner, Esq.; Rev. G. F. Stelling, by Mr. A. Hummel; Rev. H. Wells, by Rev. A. H. Myers and others.

The services closed by singing the doxology and pronouncing the benediction.

J. H. HECK,
Rec. Sec. of Home Mis. Soc.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

(AMENDED.)

ART. I. The name of this Society shall be the "Home Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States."

ART. II. The Object of this Society shall be to supply the destitute portions of our Church and people with the preached Word and the Holy Sacraments.

ART. III. The Members of this Society shall consist, *first*, of all the delegates to the General Synod, from Synods co-operating with the Society, who are present at any stated meeting of the Society; *secondly*, of all ministers who with their charges co-operate with the Society; and, *thirdly*, of all persons who have been duly constituted life-members, and who may hereafter be made life-members, by the contribution of twenty-five dollars to the funds of the Society. But if, at any time hereafter, all the Synods composing the General Synod shall cease their separate Home Missionary operations, and shall co-operate with this Society, then, if the General Synod choose so to do, it shall become the Society; that is, shall take charge of the Home Missionary interests and work, and shall appoint therefor its own agencies.

ART. IV. The Officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice President, one Recording Secretary, and one Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of six persons, two of whom shall be laymen, and two of whom shall be the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

ART. V. The Treasurer shall give sufficient security, and shall pay out no money except by an order of the Executive Committee, signed by the Chairman.

ART. VI. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence with the Missionaries and receive their reports, shall from time to time prepare abstracts of these reports for publication in the church papers, and shall render to the Society a summary report of the missionary work at each stated meeting.

ART. VII. The Executive Committee shall have charge of the appointment of missionaries, whether stationed or travelling; shall determine their fields of labor and the amount of their appropriations by the Society; and may appoint a Superintendent, who, under their direction, shall have a general supervision of the work. They may also adopt such By-Laws, for their own government, as may be necessary to carry out the designs of the Society; and they shall supply all vacancies in their own number until the next meeting of the Society.

ART. VIII. The Stated Meetings of the Society shall be held at the time and place of the meetings of the General Synod; and special meetings, when deemed necessary by the Executive Committee, shall be called by the President.

ART. IX. The Officers of the Synods co-operating with the Society, or a Standing Committee appointed by each of the said Synods, shall constitute an Advisory Committee, with whom the Executive Committee shall consult in reference to Home Missionary operations within their respective bounds.

ART. X. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except at a stated meeting, and then only by a vote of two-thirds of the attending members, these latter being not less than fifteen.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

The Church Extension Society held a session, following the adjournment of the Foreign Missionary Society, on Tuesday afternoon, May 22nd, 1866. Hon. C. Kugler was called to the chair, and Rev. T. T. Titus appointed Secretary.

Rev. Prof. J. Swartz offered prayer.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Rev. E. W. Hutter, Corresponding Secretary, read a Report of the operations of the Society for the last two years.

REPORT.

The Executive Committee of the Church Extension Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, beg leave most respectfully to report:

That since the meeting of the Society at York, two years ago, comparatively little has been done by the Executive Committee. Few applications for loans have been received. We account for this by the fact, that the high price of materials and labor, incident to the war, has so extensively retarded church building, that but few new enterprises have been prosecuted. Some of the applications for loans we have been compelled to reject, for the reason that the money asked for was not to be appropriated to the erection of new churches, but to the liquidation of church debts, which latter class of applications, we wish the brethren to bear in mind, do not come within the purview of the Society.

NEW LOANS.

Since our last meeting, loans have been granted to Evangelical Lutheran churches at the following named places, the applicants having in all instances complied with the requirements in such cases made and provided, viz.:

West Liberty, Ohio	$500
St. Stephen's, West Philadelphia	500
Canton, Fulton County, Ills	500
	$1500
Add loan specially and informally made to Mill Hill, Cabarras County, N. C	200
	$1700

NEW CONTRIBUTIONS.

None have been received since our last meeting. None have been asked for from the churches by the Executive Committee, for the reason that no applications have been pending, which we were not fully able to meet without it, as we have during these two years uniformly had a balance in the Treasury of between two and three thousand dollars. There being more money on hand than demands for it, of a character that we could grant, it was deemed superfluous, of course, to urge fresh collections.

OBLIGATIONS PAID.

Since our last meeting, the sum of $2,542 has been received from obligations paid. The churches, whence these sums were received, are stated in the Treasurer's Report. Besides the above, $446.22 have been received for interest.

DEBTS DUE, BUT NOT PAID.

These amouut in the aggregate to the sum of $5,847, and are due from the following named churches, viz.:

Zion	Evang.	Luth.	Church,	St. Paris, Ohio	$200 00
"	"	"	"	Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio	400 00
St. John's	"	"		New Castle, Henry Co., Ind.	400 00
German	Evang.	"	"	Quilu, Texas	200 00
German	"	"	"	Castroville, Texas	300 00
	"	"	"	Columbus, Texas	100 00
1st Eng.	"	"	"	Mendota, Ills	300 00
Amity	"	"	"	Lena, Ills	300 00
English	"	"	"	East German, Ind	500 00
St. John's	"	"	"	Benton Township, Hocking Co,, O	100 00
German	"	"	"	Watertown, Wis	167 00
First	"	"	"	Knoxville, Marion Co., Iowa	400 00
English	"	"	"	Davenport, Iowa	500 00
Zion	"	"	"	Lykenstown, Pa	500 00
First	"	"	"	Mt. Carroll, Carroll Co., Ills	300 00
Christ	"	"	"	Quakertown, Pa	500 00
German	"	"	"	Camden, N. J	400 00
Emmanuel	"	"	"	Trevorton, Pa	140 00
St. Samuel	Ev.	Luth.	"	Perry Co., Pa	140 00
					$5847 00

Some of these obligations came to maturity as long as ten years ago, and during half that time have been bearing interest. In former years, the pastors and councils of these churches were warmly importuned, if possible, to pay back the money loaned them. Great leniency has certainly been exercised. The money having been *loaned*, and not granted as a *gift*, there exists the strongest moral obligation on the part of these churches to refund it. If this were done, it could be re-loaned to other feeble congregations, and thus,

as was said of the Master, "go about, doing good." Some of these delinquent churches, no doubt, will have representatives present at the General Synod, and we suggest that they be requested to furnish needful explanations as to the reasons of these delinquencies. As to the proper course to be pursued in regard to these churches, we have no suggestions to offer. The subject is left to the wisdom of the Society.

NOTES NOT YET DUE.

German Evang. Luth. Church,				Camden, N. J.	$100
Emmanuel's	"	"	"	Trevorton, Pa.	70
German	"	"	"	Farmington, Iowa	75
St. Samuel's	"	"	"	Perry County, Pa.	210
	"	"	"	West Liberty, Ohio	500
St. Stephen's	"	"	"	West Philadelphia, Pa.	500
First	"	"	"	Canton, Ills.	500
Evangelical Lutheran Church,				Mill Hill, N. C.	200
					$2,155

ASSETS OF SOCIETY.

From the Treasurer's Report, it will be seen that the total fund of the Society, derived from all sources, amounts to $12,200.20. This is still far from the $50,000 originally contemplated. Taking into account the amount of means at its command, the Society has, nevertheless, proved an agency of much good, having contributed to the erection of a large number of churches in various portions of the land. It is fervently to be hoped, that, under the blessing of God, a fresh stimulus may ere long be imparted to its operations, and that the liberal and beneficent designs of its founders may yet be realized.

The balance in the Treasurer's hands is $4,198.20.

AID TO SOUTHERN CHURCHES.

On the 17th of January, 1866, the following preamble and resolutions, offered by the Corresponding Secretary, were adopted by the Executive Committee, viz:

Whereas, All accounts agree, that the war has left many of the Southern Lutheran churches in a condition of destitution, such as appeals to the Christian sympathies of their brethren in more favored localities, and it is the sincere wish of this Committee to contribute all in its power to the relief of said churches; be it therefore

Resolved, That on all loans heretofore voted to Southern Lutheran churches we hereby grant an extension of three years, dating from January 1st, 1866, during which period no interest be charged on their obligations.

And, *Whereas* we have received information that the Lutheran church at Mill Hill, Cabarras county, North Carolina, of which the Rev. J. S. Heilig is pastor; is in peril of being sold by legal process for a debt of two hundred dollars, be it, therefore,

Resolved, That in order to rescue the Mill Hill church from such a catastrophe, we do hereby extend to it a loan of $200 for five years, without interest, and will trust to the Society, at its next meeting, at Fort Wayne, Ind.,

to relieve this action of ours from any irregularity that may be found to characterize it. To meet an extreme exigency, we have made this a special case.

Your Committee would state that the loan could not have been granted to the Mill Hill church, under the constitution of the Society. Three difficulties stood in the way: 1. The congregation is not in connection with any District Synod belonging to the General Synod of the United States. 2. The loan was asked to pay a church debt. 3. The congregation was not able to grant the first mortgage. Nevertheless, as an evidence of Good Will to our Lutheran brethren in a Southern State, and to rescue one of their churches from the hands of the Sheriff, we decided to vote them the money, and trust to the Society to ratify our action, one of our number, M. Buehler, Esquire, mean while making himself personally responsible to the Society for the repayment of the money, in case the Society should fail to ratify it. That action, dictated by this praiseworthy and eminently Christian motive, we beg the Society will approve and confirm.

Respectfully submitted.

E. W. HUTTER,
Corresponding Secretary.

Philadelphia, May 12th, 1866.

REPORT ADOPTED.

The Report was, on motion, received, and adopted with the following:

Resolved, That the loan granted by the Executive Committee to the Church of Mill Hill, in the State of North Carolina, be, and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed; thus absolving Mr. Martin Buehler from any personal responsibility in the premises.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Isaac Sulger, Esq., in behalf of the Treasurer, read the Treasurer's Report, which was referred to an auditing committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Heck and Titus.

REPORT.

Wm. M. Heyl, Treasurer, in Account with the Church Extension Society.

1864.		Dr.
May 11.	To Balance	$2917 98
June 6.	" Cash received from the Ev. Luth. Church, Springfield	300 00
July 25.	" do. Emmanuel German Luth. Church, Trevorton, Pa..	70 00
Nov. 19.	" do. Ev. Luth. Church, Sterling, Ill.	227 00
	Carried over	$3514 98

	Brought over		$3514 98
Dec. 27.	To Cash received from the Ev. Luth. Church, Wrightsville, Pa.		500 00
29.	" do. Emmanuel German Luth. Church, Trevorton, Pa.		70 00
31.	" do. Penn'a Life Ins. and Trust Co., interest on deposits to Nov. 30.	$56 08	
	Less back interest on U. S. Bonds	53 13	2 95
1865.			
Jan. 12.	" do. St. Matthew's Luth. Church, Schuylkill Haven, Pa.		300 00
24.	" do. Ev. Luth. Church, Liberty, Ind.		300 00
March 1.	" do. Interest on temporary investment		65 25
April 8.	" do. Mt. Pisgah Luth. Church, Indianapolis, Ind.		500 00
May 6.	" do. Germ. Luth. Cong. of St? John, Farmington, Iowa		75 00
June 13.	" do. Ev. Luth. Church, Columbus, Iowa		200 00
Sept. 1.	" do. Interest on U. S. Bonds		90 00
Nov. 15.	" do. do. from Church at Columbus, Ind.		81 00
	" do. do. in purchasing 7.30 Treasury Notes		4 10
30.	" do. Penn'a Life Ins. and Trust Co., interest on deposits		57 90
1866.			
Jan. 15.	" do. Interest on City Bond		6 00
	" do. do. 7.30 U. S. Treasury Notes		36 50
March 3.	" do. do. 10-40 U. S. Bonds		84 52
April 5.	" do. do. from Mt. Carroll Luth. Church		18 00
			$5906 20

1866.		Cr.
May.	By an order drawn in favor of the following parties:	
	W. M. Heyl, expenses to Synod	$ 8 00
	The Luth. Congregation at West Liberty, Logan Co., O.	500 00
	" " Mill Hill, N. C.	200 00
	St. Stephen's Luth. Church, West Philadelphia	500 00
	The 1st Ev. Luth. Church, Canton, Ill.	500 00
"	Balance on hand, May 12th, 1866	4198 20
		$5906 20

Assets of the Society.

Notes and Loans due but unpaid	$5847 00
Notes not yet due	2155 00
United States 10-40, 5 per cent. Bonds	2500 00
" 7.30 Treasury Notes	1000 00
Bond of the City of Philadelphia	200 00
Cash deposited in the Penn'a Life Ins. and Trust Co.	498 20
	$12,200 20

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On motion, the following officers of the Society were elected:

President,
HON. CHARLES KUGLER.

Corresponding Secretary,
REV. E. W. HUTTER.

Recording Secretary,
T. T. TITUS.

Treasurer,
WM. M. HEYL, Esq.

Executive Committee,
MR. MARTIN BUEHLER, MR. JAMES MONROE,
" ISAAC SULGER, DR. C. M. KREITZER,
MR. REUBEN B. MILLER.

REPORT OF AUDITORS.

The Auditing Committee reported that they had examined the Treasurer's Report and found it correct. The report was received and adopted.

On motion, the Society adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Dr. J. A. Brown.

T. T. TITUS,
Rec. Sec'y of Ch. Ex. Soc.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

OF THE

CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—This Society shall be termed *The Church Extension Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States*, whose object shall be to establish a fund of at least fifty thousand dollars, to assist poor and destitute Lutheran congregations in obtaining houses of worship.

ART. II.—This Society shall hold its meetings at the time and place of the meeting of every General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, or at such time and place as the Society may designate; when there shall be elected a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and five Managers. The Managers, with the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary, shall constitute the Executive Committee.

The officer presiding at any meeting of the Society shall have no vote, excepting a casting vote, when there is a tie. The Corresponding Secretary shall exercise a superintendence over the affairs of the Society, and seek, by correspondence, communication, &c., to promote its interests.

The Treasurer shall pay out no moneys except upon orders signed by four of the Managers. Any surplus funds he shall, with the advice and consent of the Managers, safely invest, returnable at call; and he shall give such security as the Managers shall require, for the faithful performance of his trust.

ART. III.—The Executive Committee shall appoint their own chairman and secretary. They may enact rules for their own government, and amend or repeal the same at pleasure; they shall keep regular minutes of their proceedings, and report their transactions to each meeting of the Society. They shall hear all applications for aid, requiring the conditions hereinafter named, and draw orders on the Treasurer, as prescribed in Art. II., paragraph 3; provided that every member of the committee shall have an opportunity of being heard.

ART. IV.—Aid shall be extended only to congregations destitute of a suitable house of worship, whose pastor is a member in good standing, of any regular Evangelical Lutheran Synod in the United States; and no congregation shall be allowed more than one thousand dollars, at the discretion of the Executive Committee; which allowance shall not be considered as a gift, but as a loan without interest, and which shall be repaid into the common Church Extension Fund, at such times, and in such instalments as the Execu-

tive Committee may require, and such loan shall be made to assume a legal form.

ART. V.—It shall be necessary for each congregation asking aid, to observe the following rules and regulations, viz.:

1. They shall use every exertion among themselves to raise funds for their church edifice.

2. The church edifice shall be plain and substantial, without any unnecessary cost and expenditure.

3. They shall exhibit a just estimate of the cost of building, and the amount of money, or its equivalent, already furnished or secured.

4. They shall state the condition of the neighborhood in which the congregation is organized, and the number of members, and the future prospects.

5. These facts shall be certified by the pastor and church council to the officers of their Synod, and by the latter to the Executive Committee.

6. Any congregation applying shall be an incorporated Evangelical Lutheran Church.

ART. VI.—Any person may become a member of this Society, by an annual contribution to the funds of the Society; or by the payment of thirty dollars, or more, given at one time, shall be constituted a life member.

ART. VII.—The members of the General Synod shall be *ex officio* members of this Society, and shall be competent to transact business; but the officers and standing committees shall be composed of laymen, excepting the Corresponding Secretary, who may be a clergyman.

ART. VIII.—This Society shall be the Parent Society, to which Societies formed by district Synods shall be auxiliary, provided they pay into the general fund the funds collected within their bounds. The members of the auxiliary societies shall be members of the Parent Society.

ART. IX.—This Constitution may be altered or amended at any stated meeting of the Society, by a majority of the members present—three months' notice of any contemplated alteration or amendment having first been given in the papers of the Church.

BY-LAWS.

1. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to fill, *ad interim*, any vacancies that may occur by the death or resignation of any of the officers of the Society.

2. The Executive Committee shall have power to call a special meeting of the Society, at such time and place as they may deem necessary.

3. The collection of funds, as provided for by resolution of the Meeting held at Winchester, Va., May 21st, 1853, shall be made by subscription, or otherwise, as the respective congregations shall deem most advisable.

4. The sums thus raised shall be transmitted directly to the Treasuer of the Society, and be reported by the pastors to their respective Synods, for the purpose of being regularly entered upon the Minutes, with their parochial reports.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Publication Society of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church was held in Fort Wayne, Ind., May 23d, 2 o'clock, P. M., 1866.

The President of the Society, Hon. C. Kugler, called the meeting to order.

Prayer was offered by Rev. T. Stork, D.D.

The Minutes of the previous regular meeting were then read and approved.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Publication, Rev. L. E. Albert, being absent, his report of their operations was read by Rev. P. Willard, the General Agent of the Society. This report was received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

The Lutheran Board of Publication desire to offer their seventh report to the Society which they represent. The object of the Publication Society, as expressed in its Constitution, is, by *means of translations and original productions, to furnish a suitable literature for the Church, and promote its circulation.* This object the "Board of Publication" have steadily kept in view, as the following *exhibit* of its published works, from the time of its organization until the present period, will clearly prove.

PUBLICATIONS.

1. The Blind Girl of Wittenberg. A Life Picture of the Times of Luther and the Reformation, translated from the German by Rev. John G. Morris, D.D.
2. Luther's Christmas Tree, by Rev. T. Stork, D.D.
3. The same in German, by Rev. G. A. Wenzel.
4. Deutsches Spruchbuch. (Scripture Proofs of Luther's Catechism, in German,) by J. C. Haas.
5. Luther's Smaller Catechism, with additions, including the Augsburg Confession, translated from the original German, by Rev. C. F. Schaeffer, D.D.
6. Plea for the Augsburg Confession, by Rev. W. J. Mann, D.D.

7. History of the Lutheran Church in America, from the settlement of the Swedes on the Delaware, to the middle of the 18th Century, by Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D.D.

8. Memoir of the Life and Times of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, D.D., Patriarch of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, by Prof. M. L. Stoever.

9. Christmas Book for Children, by Rev. T. Stork, D.D.

10. Jesus in the Temple, by Rev. T. Stork, D.D.

11. Same in German, by Rev. G. A. Wenzel.

12. The Mission of the General Synod. Sermon delivered before General Synod at Pittsburg, May 19, 1859, by Rev. Simeon W. Harkey, D.D.

13. Bogatzky's Golden Treasury. (English and German.) The English translated by Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D.D.

14. The Schoolmaster and His Son. A narrative of events which occurred during the Thirty Years' War. Translated from the German by Rev. K. H. Caspari.

15. Tract. A brief survey of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, being the substance of a Discourse preached at Pottstown, Pa., by Rev. Joseph A. Seiss, D.D.

16. African Bible Pictures, or Scripture Scenes and Customs in Africa, by Rev. Morris Officer.

17. Family Prayers for Morning and Evening, and the Festivals of the Church Year, by Rev. C. W. Schaeffer, D.D.

18. Sunday School Hymn Book, published by order of the General Synod.

19. Lutheran Hymn Book of the General Synod, three different sizes.

20. A Tract on Regeneration, by Rev. H. L. Baugher, D.D.

21. A Tract on Family Religion, by Rev. M. Valentine.

22. A Tract, entitled, "A Brief Sketch of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America," by Prof. M. L. Stoever.

23. Life Pictures from the Missionary Field. A Christmas Book for the Young, by Rev. W. J. Mann, D.D.

24. Same in German, by Rev. G. A. Wenzel.

25. Lutheran Home Journal, in bound volumes.

26. Hymns for Infants.

27. Lutheran Sunday-School Herald, edited by Rev. M. Sheeleigh. This monthly is now in its seventh year.

28. Frank's Friend.

29. Simple Conversations on Engineering.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LITERATURE.

Since our last report, nothing new has been published, owing in part to the pecuniary pressure caused by the War, and partly to the fact that nothing suitable has been offered to the Board for publication. The Board, however, have made some progress towards the furnishing of a suitable Sunday School Literature for the Church, being at present engaged in selecting proper works from other Depositories, and in soliciting original contributions from ministers and others in our own Church.

"THE LUTHERAN SUNDAY-SCHOOL HERALD."

It will be, no doubt, gratifying to the Society to learn that the "Lutheran Sunday School Herald" is self-supporting, and is deservedly popular wher-

ever it is circulated. Measures should be devised to increase largely the number of its subscribers, and greater interest should be manifested by those who have the ability to write for children, to furnish interesting articles for its columns.

CONDITION OF DEPOSITORY.

The following statement in reference to the present condition of our Depository may not be without interest to the Society.

Amount of Stock in Store	$4460.31	
" " " " Sheets	325.22	
Fixtures valued	259.22	
Total, as per Inventory		$5044 75

ASSETS.

Book accounts considered *good*	$3469 76	
" " " doubtful	1030 53	
Total as per Balance Sheet		$4500 29

LIABILITIES.

Book accounts, as per Balance Sheet	$992 50
Cash on hand	$100 00
The Stereotype Plates in possession of the Board amount in the aggregate to	$1149 63

From this it will be seen that the Store is also self-supporting, and that it needs only a larger capital with which to operate, and the hearty co-operation of the Church at large, to make it every thing the Society anticipated in its establishment. It undoubtedly accomplishes all that it can do amid the disadvantages under which it labors, and if its business is to be extended in the future, and the same inducements be offered by it to purchasers as the best of houses offer, it must be supplied with the means of enlargement and with every other requisite that contributes to prosperity. The Local Agent, T. L. Schrack, Esq., has certainly been attentive to his duties, and deserves the commendation of the Society.

GENERAL AGENT'S WORK.

Our General Agent, the Rev. P. Willard, has been actively engaged, since his appointment, in collecting funds, and in promoting the objects for which the Board of Publication was established. Although his success has not been equal to his desires and persevering labors, still it has not been discouraging, especially when the times are taken into consideration, and the fact that from many of the best fields the harvest has long since been gathered. It is to be lamented that he has been studiously excluded from some of our most prosperous charges, and his work rendered thereby the more tedious and arduous. May we not hope that the time will soon come when he will be welcomed every where, and the obstacles, whatever they may be, which now impede his agency, be removed forever!

THE BOARD.

The Meetings of the Board of Publication since the last Report was rendered have been reasonably well attended. It must be remembered that most of

the active members of the Board are the pastors of large and flourishing congregations, whose demands upon their time and labor are great, and almost incessant. Attendance upon all the meetings of the Board is frequently impossible, and, as a natural consequence, there is not that despatch in business which those abroad deem so desirable. The work, however, which the Board accomplishes year after year, is considerable, and deserves more, in the way of appreciation, than it is accustomed to receive. Of this, at least, the Society may be assured, that the Board seek, most conscientiously, to promote its interests, regret that more is not accomplished, are aware of what is expected, and realize fully the difficulties which they continually encounter.

THE CHURCH'S DUTY TO THE SOCIETY.

The Publication Society can undoubtedly become a great blessing to our Church in this country. Its friends should rally around it, and leave nothing undone that might increase its efficiency and usefulness. The Church should be a unit in regard to it, and seek earnestly for a common ground, upon which to stand and work for the Divine Redeemer. Committing, therefore, again its interests to the sympathy of every well-wisher of our Zion, and to the care and control of Him by whose blessing alone it can attain to permanent usefulness, we will look forward with hope and confidence to the future.

LUTHER E. ALBERT,
Cor. Sec.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF MEMBERS.

Annual contributions, amounting to ninety dollars, were paid in by the members.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

A Committee, consisting of the Rev. J. H. Heck, Rev. C. A. Hay, D.D., Rev. T. Stork, D.D., Rev. E. W. Hutter, and Mr. Martin Buehler, was appointed to nominate officers for the Society. They reported the following names:

President,
HON. C. KUGLER.

Secretary,
REV. P. RABY.

Board of Publication,

REV. T. STORK, D.D.,
" E. W. HUTTER,
" L. E. ALBERT,
" J. A. SEISS, D.D.,
" W. J. MANN, D.D.,
" M. SHEELEIGH,
" P. WILLARD,
" J. H. HECK,
" J. E. GRAEFF,
" S. S. SCHMUCKER, D.D.,
" A. C. WEDEKIND,
" F. KLINEFELTER,
REV. G. F. STELLING,
" P. RABY,
MR. M. BUEHLER,
Hon. C. KUGLER,
Mr. F. V. BEISEL,
" G. P. OCKERSHAUSEN,
" J. J. COCHRAN,
" I. SULGER,
" J. L. FREDERICK,
" C. CARMANY,
" C. F. NORTON,
" W. I. MILLER.

The report was received, and the nominations confirmed.

DISPENSED WITH ANNIVERSARY.

On motion, the Anniversary exercises of the Society were dispensed with at the present meeting.

CATALOGUE OF SABBATH-SCHOOL BOOKS.

Resolved, That the Board of Publication be advised to prepare a Descriptive Catalogue of Sabbath-school Books, adapted to the use of our schools; and furnish themselves with a supply of books, and advertise them.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

The following proposed amendments to the Constitution were offered, to be acted on at the next regular meeting of the Society:

Notice is hereby given, that at the next meeting of the Lutheran Publication Society, a resolution will be introduced to amend the Constitution, as follows:

ART. II. "This Society is *pledged* to the Doctrinal Basis of the General Synod, *is under its direction and control*, and shall have for its object the diffusion of religious knowledge by means of translations and original productions, in order to furnish and circulate a suitable literature for the Church.

All delegates to the General Synod shall, for the time being, be, ex-officio, members of this Society. And any other Lutheran minister or layman, connected with churches belonging to the General Synod, may become members of this Society by a vote of the existing members at any stated meeting upon the payment of $1. *The payment of* $20, *or more, in one year, shall constitute the person so paying a Life Director, and the payment of* $10 *a Life Member.*

ART. III. to read:—This Society shall hold its *stated* meetings at the time and place of the meeting of every General Synod, and *the President and Secretary of the General Synod shall be, ex officio, President and Secretary of this Society.* At *each stated meeting*, the Society shall elect a Board of Publication, to hold its meetings in Philadelphia, and to be composed of twenty-four members, all of whom shall be members in good standing of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and two-thirds of whom shall be within such distance from Philadelphia, as to be able to attend the meetings of the Board.

ART. V. The second clause to read:—The Board of *Publication* to have power to enact its own by-laws, to fill vacancies occurring during the *interim of the stated meetings of the Society*, to provide for the publication of books and tracts, and to print and circulate appeals to the Church, in behalf of the benevolent objects of the Society.

ART. VII. The Society may also hold *Anniversary meetings, at such times and places as the Board of Publication may determine, of which meetings at least four weeks' notice shall be given in the Church papers.* At these meet-

ings, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board shall make a detailed report of the operations of the Society, showing its present and future prospects. *But no other business shall be transacted at the Anniversary meeting, except such as relates to the anniversaries themselves, or resolutions and efforts to raise funds, or recommend any measures to the Board, or to the stated meetings of the Society.*

ART. IX. To be inserted at the close of Art. II.

ART. X. The following sentence, to be added at the end of the article:—"*but to have no vote.*"

ART. XI. To be numbered as XIII.

New ART. To read as follows:—The Board of Publication shall hold monthly regular meetings on such day of the month as they may agree on, *Mondays and Saturdays excepted;* and each meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer. Special meetings of the Board shall be called by the President whenever deemed necessary by him, *or requested by five members of the Board. Ten days' notice of each special meeting shall be given to each member of the Board by circular, either personally or by mail, stating the object of the meeting, and no other business shall be transacted at these meetings.*

XII. The entire 6th by-law to constitute the twelfth article of the Constitution, unaltered, except in the first sentence, which is to read as follows:—"There shall be three or more Standing Committees *elected* by the Board of *Publication at its first regular meeting in each year*, viz., a Publication Committee of seven," &c., &c., and in the next paragraph—"to which any *two* members of the committee object."

ART. XIII. To consist of the old Art. XI., unaltered.

N. B.—The amendments proposed are indicated by italics.

PUBLISHING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

Resolved, That these Amendments be published with the Minutes of this meeting, and that the Secretary be instructed to give notice of the same in the church papers at least one month before the next annual meeting.

AIDING THE GENERAL AGENT.

Resolved, That the Publication Society respectfully request the brethren connected with the General Synod to give opportunity to the General Agent of this Society to labor among their congregations, and to facilitate his work.

The Society then adjourned, to meet again at the time and place of the General Synod.

Prayer by S. S. Schmucker, D. D.

P. RABY,
Sec'y of Publication Soc.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The regular meeting of the Lutheran Historical Society was held at 8 o'clock, P. M., May 18th, 1866. Rev. Dr. Schmucker was in the chair.

The meeting was opened with devotional services.

ADDRESS BY REV. DR. HARKEY.

Rev. S. W. Harkey, D.D., who was elected at the last meeting as the speaker, delivered an address upon "The History of the Lutheran Church in Illinois."

Rev. J. G. Butler was chosen Recording Secretary.

COLLECTIONS TO LIBRARY REPORTED.

In the absence of the Curator, the President rendered substantially a Curator's Report, which was adopted.

REPORT.

The following donations have been sent on, or been collected by the subscriber:

1. A Spelling and Reading Book in the Chippeway Language, containing Scripture Histories of the Old and New Testament with an addition of a few Hymns. Presented by Rev. M. Sheeleigh. This work was prepared for the Lutheran Missions of the Missouri Synod among the Indians in Michigan. Pp. 144, Detroit, 1852.

2. Agende. Das ist, kurze und einfältige Erzählung fürnehmsten Kirchengebräuch und Ceremonien, so in der reinen Evangelischen und ungeänderten Augsburgischen Confession zugethanen Kirchen zu Frankfurt am Mayn gehalten werden. Pp. 172, Frankfurt on the Mayne, 1688. Presented by Rev. A. T. Geissenhainer, Bethlehem, Pa. This copy was used by Rev. John Schwarbach, in his official ministrations, in Schuylkill (at that time Berks) County, Pa.

3. Also, bound in the same volume, a Prayer-Book: Des in Gott andächt-

igen Priesters Gottgeheiligte Bet-Andachten; nebst einem kurzen Gesangbuch, ausgefertiget von M. Nicolas Haas. 2te Auflage, Leipzig, 1699, pp. 562.

4. Kirchen-Agende der Evangelisch-Lutherischen Vereinigten Gemeinen in Nord-America. Philadelphia, 1786; pp. 58. Presented by the Rev. P. Scheurer, of Hanover, Pa.

5. Photographic Likenesses of Lutheran Ministers: 4to likeness, in gilt frame, of

Rev. Dr. Conrad;
Professor P. Born, Selinsgrove, Pa.;
Rev. A. P. Ludden, Berne, N. Y.;
" Peter Bishop, Spencerville, De Kalb Co., Ind.;
" G. W. Wilson, North Manchester, Ind.;
" W. Waltman, Lisbon, Ind.;
" D. Steck, Dayton, Ohio;
Mr. Martin Buehler, Philadelphia, Pa.

6. Minutes of Franckean Ev. Lutheran Synod, for 1865; from Professor Stoever.

7. Minutes of Ev. Lutheran Synod of Northern Illinois, for 1865.

8. The Assassinated President, by Rev. Dr. Seiss, presented by Mr. T. L. Schrack.

9. An Address before the Philomathean Society of Leechburg, Leechburg, Pa.; by Rev. Daniel Garver, A. M.

10. The Fifth Annual Report of the Presbyterian Historical Society, 1857.

11. Hon. E. A. Newlon's Address on the Serampore Mission.

12. Address of Prof. Geo. R. Bliss, on the Place of Baptists in Protestant Christendom.

13. Rev. Dr. Bailey's Address, before the Baptist Historical Society, 1858.

14. Proceedings of the Eleventh Anniversary of Baptist Historical Society Pa., 1864.

15. Annual Report of the American Baptist Publication Society, 1863.

16. Collection of Commencement Programmes of different Colleges in Pennsylvania.

17. Two Alumni Addresses, by Rev. M. Valentine and Mr. Maund; by Prof. Stoever.

18. Sermon by Dr. B. Kurtz, being his last pulpit effort.

32. Presented by Rev. S. K. Brobst, his English and German Almanacs, for 1866; two Sermons; two Tracts; Liturgische Gesänge; and seven excellent German Sunday School Books; all composed and published by Rev. S. K. Brobst, Editor of the Lutherische Zeitschrift.

33. Manuscript Sermon, on Ephes. 4, 15. By Rev. Dr. J. G. Schmucker.

48. Collection of 15 Synodical Minutes; by S. S. S.

49. Dr. Harwood's Semi-Centennial Discourse on Episcopal Church at New Haven; presented by Isaac Sulger, Esq., Philadelphia.

50. Ledderhose's Life of Melanchthon, translated, and donated, by Rev. Dr. Krotel.

51. Book of "Family Prayers," by C. W. Schaeffer, D. D.; donated by him.

52. Travel in South Eastern Asia, including Hindustan, Malaya, Siam and China; by Rev. Dr. Howard Malcom; and donated by him.

53. Sundry Reports of the Baptist Historical Society; donated by the same.

90. Photographic Likenesses of Lutheran Ministers, published at the Lutheran Publication House, and donated to this Society by a vote of the Board.

128. A valuable collection of 38 Synodical Minutes, many of them old, rare and valuable; collected and presented by Rev. M. Sheeleigh, Editor of "The Lutheran Sunday-School Herald."

129. Sammlung auserlesener Gebeter und Lieder, für Jugend. Salomon Henkel's Druckerei, 1829; also

130. The General Synod's edition of Luther's Smaller Catechism, 1865. Donated by the same.

It will thus be seen that the interests of the Society have not entirely been neglected, although we have been without a Curator since the removal of the former incumbent. To the above donations the writer adds two articles of great rarity, which money could scarcely replace: the original monographs of the illustrious Luther, entitled,

131. An die Radherrn aller stedte deutscheslands: das sie Christliche schulen aufrichten und hallten sollen. Martinus Luther. Wittemberg. M.D.XXIIII. pp. 34, 4to.—And,

132. His work entitled, De Captivitate Babylonica Ecclesiæ, Præludium Martini Lutheri. Uuittembergæ. pp. 88, 4to.

These monographs are three hundred and forty-two years old, and in perfect preservation, though they were, together with others which did not escape so well preserved, trodden under foot by the rebels, three days and three nights, during the sacking of my house, at the battle of Gettysburg.

We had hoped by this time to have presented to the Society some of the literary relics of the venerable Dr. Helmuth, of Philadelphia, who was one of our earlier and most distinguished divines from Halle; but, although we twice visited his grandson, who possesses them, we failed to find him at home. In future we may perhaps be more successful. That venerable father kept a diary, some fragments of which are found in the Hallische Nachrichten; and during his life-time promised that I should have it.

Respectfully submitted,

(in the absence of the Curator,)

S. S. SCHMUCKER,

President.

Fort Wayne, May, 1866.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The President also read the Treasurer's Report, which was adopted.

REPORT.

Cash on hand, May, 1864, per report at York, Pa.	$36 33
" received from 14 new members, 50 cents each,	7 00
	$43 33

M. JACOBS,
Treasurer.

GETTYSBURG, Pa., May, 1866.

ADDRESS REQUESTED.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be returned to Rev. S. W. Harkey, D. D., for his interesting and able address; and that he be requested to furnish an epitome of it for publication in the church periodicals.

CONDITION OF LIBRARY.

Rev. Dr. Hay reported the condition of the Library as highly satisfactory.

IMPROVEMENT OF LIBRARY.

Resolved, That the Curator and Treasurer be authorized to expend any funds in the treasury for the improvement of the Library.

PAMPHLETS TO BE BOUND.

Resolved, That the Curator be authorized to have all the pamphlets in the Library bound.

INSPECTORS OF LIBRARY.

Rev. Drs. Hay, Passavant and Morris were appointed to inspect the Library, and report at the next meeting of the Society.

SPEAKER FOR NEXT MEETING.

Rev. H. N. Pohlman, D. D., was elected to deliver an address at the meeting, and was requested to give a historical view of the Lutheran Church in the State of New York. Rev. G. A. Lintner was chosen as alternate.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected:

President,
REV. PROF. S. S. SCHMUCKER, D. D.

Vice-Presidents,
REV. J. G. MORRIS, D. D., REV. W. H. HARRISON, D. D.

Corresponding Secretary,
REV. PROF. C. A. HAY, D. D.

Recording Secretary,
REV. J. G. BUTLER.

Treasurer,
DAVID A. BUEHLER, ESQ.

Curator,
REV. PROF. M. VALENTINE.

NEW MEMBERS.

The following persons became members of the Society, by the payment of fifty cents each:

Rev. Messrs. J. L. Guard, P. Willard, C. L. Streamer, E. Breidenbaugh, G. F. Stelling, S. W. Harkey, D. D., I. J. Delo, C. B. Thuemmel, H. G. Bowers, G. A. Nixdorff, G. Fachtmann, and C. Kugler, I. Sulger, and W. F. Wagenseller, Esqs.—Rev. M. Sheeleigh also contributed fifty cents.

The Society adjourned to meet at the next convention of the General Synod.

J. G. BUTLER,
Sec'y of the Hist'l Society.

STANDING COMMITTEES

OF THE

GENERAL SYNOD.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence—Rev. Prof. S. S. Schmucker, D.D., Rev. Prof. S. Sprecher, D.D., Rev. Prof. C. A. Hay, D.D., Rev. E. W. Hutter, and Rev. Prof. S. W. Harkey, D.D.

Committee on the Liturgy—S. S. Schmucker, D.D., H. N. Pohlman, D.D., J. G. Morris, D.D., S. Sprecher, D.D., T. Stork, D.D., J. A. Brown, D.D., C. A. Hay, D.D., and F. W. Conrad, D.D.

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Committee on Development of Luther's Smaller Catechism—Rev. F. W. Conrad, D.D., Rev. C. A. Hay, D.D., and Rev. M. Sheeleigh.

Hymn Book (Business) Committee—Messrs. Isaac Sulger, Charles Kugler, Martin Buehler, T. Newton Kurtz, and Charles F. Norton.

Committee on Revision of Constitution—S. W. Harkey, D.D., E. Greenwald, D.D., S. S. Schmucker, D.D., S. Sprecher, D.D., and J. A. Brown, D.D.

Committee on Correspondence with Southern Synods—L. Sternberg, D.D., Rev. J. G. Butler, F. W. Conrad, D.D., W. H. Harrison, D.D., and Rev. M. Officer.

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Executive Committee of the Home Missionary Society—Rev. J. G. Morris, D.D. Rev. H. Bishop, Rev. C. A. Stork, Mr. Peter Kephart, Mr. T. Newton Kurtz, and Rev. G. H. Brandau.

Executive Committee of the Church Extension Society—Mr. Martin Buehler, Mr. Isaac Sulger, Mr. James Monroe, Dr. C. M. Kreitzer, and Mr. Reuben B. Miller.

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Speaker for Historical Society—H. N. Pohlman, D.D.; alternate, G. A. Lintner, D.D.

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